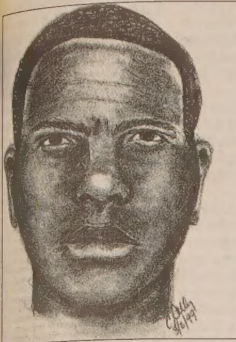


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BERKELEY police released this sketch of the suspect in the latest incident.

# Similarities in assaults

Description of suspect in latest case similar to rapists sought in two other incidents

By Sonia Giordani and Marc Albert

The third rape in a week has area police departments working together closely to determine whether a single suspect is at work.

Berkeley police are not ruling anything out. "At this time there are a lot of similarities in the description of the responsible in these cases," said Capt. Bobby Miller of the Berkeley police. "It

is possible that these cases were all committed by the same individual, but we're not ruling out the possibility that they have been done by separate individuals."

On Tuesday Berkeley police released a drawing of the suspect in the third incident, the kidnap and rape of a Richmond woman early Friday.

Police said the woman, who was walking alone near 23rd Street and Barrett Avenue, got into a car and was driven to Berkeley against her will. She was then raped at the city marina. Berkeley police

described the suspect as a very heavyset black man in his mid-30s with short hair.

And though the description is vague, police said it is similar to that of a man wanted for the rape of a 20-year-old Oakland woman in Pinole on Monday and the rape of a 25-year-old Southern California woman in El Cerrito on Tuesday.

Police also noted that the three women were accosted while walking alone and then driven to another location where they were raped.

In two of the cases the suspect re-

portedly drove a sport utility vehicle. In the third case, a woman was abducted by the driver of a large metallic-blue 1980's American made car.

"At this point, we know there are some similarities between the cases, and we're working with the other police departments," said Berkeley Capt. Bobby Miller. "But we need to look at this much more closely before we can determine if in fact we think the suspects are one and the

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## Debate on future of Bulb residents

By James Carter

ALBANY — Members of the City Council haggled over a proposed ordinance aimed ostensibly at residents living on the landfill, yet were unable to reach a consensus due largely to provisions affecting city parks.

The proposed edict would spell out regulations for the use of open space, parks, and recreational zones including "those areas and portions located and referred to as the Albany Waterfront."

If passed all city parks and open space in town would be off-limits to the public from 5:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

### No digging it

According to provisions of the proposal, no person could consume or have in their possession alcoholic beverages "of any kind whatsoever" in parks or open space.

The ordinance would also make it illegal to "dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs, plants or other wood and/or materials, or to make any excavation" at those locations.

The proposal would also make it a crime to attach "anything, whether rope, cable or otherwise, to any shrub, tree, fence rail, bridge, bench, or other structure" in a park or open space area. An individual violating any of the ordinance's provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, could be fined "in an amount not exceeding \$500 and/or be imprisoned" for up to six months.

The main focus of the ordinance was aimed at prohibiting overnight camping, open fires, the construction of buildings or shacks "both temporary or permanent," the use of sleeping bags, tents, or any other shelters on city property — all issues aimed directly at landfill residents.

### Park issues

Though most members of the council initially appeared ready to give first approval to the measure, Councilman Ed McManus raised issues about the use of "sun tents," which he maintained might be restricted by the new ordinance. Suggesting the statute would by definition apply to all parks in Albany, McManus also raised "the dog issue" — a controversial subject he jokingly said at an earlier council meeting should be avoided by politicians.

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SISTER CAROL ANNE O'MARIE, above, talks about her new book 'Death Takes Up a Collection' before a rapt audience (below) at M.C. Newburn Books in Albany.

## The writing nun

Murder mysteries a diversion; running a women's shelter is Sister's higher calling

By J.R. Deaton

ALBANY — Sister Carol Anne O'Marie has silver hair, a calm low reading voice and a killer wit.

To the delight of a small, but obviously loyal and appreciative audience, O'Marie read from her eighth murder mystery novel, "Death Takes Up a Collection" at M.C. Newburn Books last week.

She also talked about researching her stories, drug abuse, the homeless problem and the triumph of good over evil.

The 65-year-old O'Marie entered the

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1951 and has been writing murder mysteries for the last 20 years.

Ten years ago she also co-founded and currently co-directs A Friendly Place, an Oakland drop-in center and residence for homeless women.

But last Wednesday she spent some time with her friends at the bookshop and started out by describing her latest novel.

"It's about a priest who dips his hand

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## Hefty tab for parks needs

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Pool tile is cracking and some coping needs replacement, playground equipment needs upgrading, restrooms are non-existent or inaccessible at some city clubhouses and parks, and deferred maintenance is the norm at many city recreational facilities.

The City Council and the Park and Recreation Commission held a joint work session last week to decide what to do

about the city's deteriorating recreational facilities.

The council decided to issue a "request for proposals" to seek professional consultation on exactly how much it will cost to repair and rehabilitate the swim center and the Canyon Trail Clubhouse.

"We will fix the pool one more time," said Community Services Manager Monica Kortz at the meeting.

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## El Cerrito sets goals for '00

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The City Council held a two-day workshop last week to set goals and "targets for action" for 1999-2000 and beyond.

Working Friday and Saturday in the training room of Fire Station 72 on Arlington Boulevard, the council set three top priority and four high priority targets, and reaffirmed and modified their long term (year 2005) goals. They also

agreed to a set of council "code of conduct" rules or guidelines, some of which one councilmember said gave the impression of "clandestine operation." "The council seemed to be much more 'together' this goal setting (session)," Councilwoman Jane Bartke said at the close of the workshop.

She noted that "all five were involved and participated" in the annual exercise.

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# Parade, ceremonies Saturday open El Cerrito Youth Baseball season

The El Cerrito Youth Baseball "Opening Day" festivities have become a traditional family and community special event. This year's festivities will be held Saturday, March 6. A parade will commence at El Cerrito High School at 10 a.m. and wind its way down to Cerrito Vista Park.

Participating will be the El Cerrito High School marching band, a

display of antique cars, and all team players of all levels ranging from the age of 6 to 14.

Ryan Houston, a local youth resident and award-winning vocalist, will open the ceremonies singing the National Anthem. Ryan has performed throughout the Bay Area for groups including the Oakland Raiders, a reception for U.S.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, and the U. S. Conference of Mayors Gala Celebration. City officials will be present.

Boxed lunches will be available, as will free ice cream. Entertainment will include live music. Exhibition pony games will follow the opening ceremonies.

Details: Donna Houser, 234-2215.

## WORTH CHECKING OUT

### General Plan scoping session

Residents will have one more chance to give their views on the future of development in El Cerrito at a public hearing on the environmental impact report for the city's General Plan revisions on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 7007 Mooser Lane. Under guidelines being set, the plan, which is required by state law, will encompass El Cerrito, Kensington and unincorporated areas adjacent to the city in East Richmond Heights. Copies of the initial study are available at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., and at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Details: 215-4330.

### Community Center summer jobs

The City of El Cerrito is now accepting job applications summer employment. Positions available include day camp and pool staff. Ages 15 through 17 years old must have a job permit, and there is volunteer work for those 12 to 14 years old. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details: 215-4370.

### Art and Poetry Celebration

An "Art and Poetry Celebration" sponsored by the Albany Senior Center and MacGregor High School will be held March 11 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, The Alameda at Solano. The theme is "Life as a Teenager: Yesterday and Today." Meet the artists and writers and enjoy music, poetry, reading and refreshments.

### Lecture series

Lecture/discussions is being held at the Center for Psychological Studies 1398

Solano Ave. (at Carmel). Lectures are from noon to 1:20 p.m. The topic for March 5 is "The Language of the Body: Mind, Body and Psyche." Joanna G. Harris, Ph.D., ADTR has been involved with dance, dance therapy and theater since her earliest training. Educated in kinesiology, her work pre-dated many of the current "body" therapies. For many years she directed graduate studies in Creative Arts Therapies in San Francisco. She is an author and editor and an adjunct faculty member of CPS. The topic for March 19 is "Freud's language. Civilization and its Discontents." Joseph Lischutz, MD is an outstanding Freud scholar. He has taught for many years at the SF Psychoanalytic Institute and has been in private practice in the East Bay for three decades. He has lectured on Freud internationally, most recently in Argentina. All are welcome. There is no charge. Details: 524-0291.

### Albany Pool classes

The Albany Pool, 1311 Portland Ave., is holding swimming and water fitness classes for adults and children this spring. Mail-in registration for all may be postmarked March 1 or later. Registration will be accepted at the pool beginning March 8. The pool will be closed for maintenance on Monday, March 15 and will reopen on Saturday, March 27. There will be no registration accepted at the pool during that time. Adult fitness classes will include calisthenics in the water, arthritis exercise, deep water exercise, and water walking. Swimming levels for adults are from beginning through advanced. Classes meet in the morning, evening, and on Saturday.

Children's classes are for youngsters 4 years and older. Classes meet in the afternoon, evening, and on Saturday. The Parents and Tot program is water ad-

justment classes for children 6 months to 4 years old. These classes meet mornings and on Saturday.

A complete schedule of lap and recreational swim and drop-in-exercise including water walking/water running hours is also available at the pool. Details: 559-6640.

### Infant/toddler lapsit

Registration is open for the second series of the Infant-Toddler Lapsit Program will be offered again at the El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library. This program is for parents and their very young children from birth through age 2 1/2. Simple stories, rhymes and songs will be used during this 20-minute program to help children develop such pre-reading skills as listening, language development and a deep love of books and a desire to learn to read. Parents will be asked to attend with their young children. The second half of Session 1 takes place Mondays at 1 p.m., March 15 through April 12. Session II takes place Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. from now through Feb. 25, and March 18 through April 15. The El Cerrito Branch is located at 6510 Stockton Ave., 526-7512.

### Albany board openings

The Albany City Council is seeking interested citizens for appointment to the following boards, commissions and committees: Civil Service Board Library Advisory Board Park & Recreation Commission Arts Committee Charter Review Committee Waterfront Committee Mental Health Advisory Board. Interested applicants can contact the City Clerk for an application and description of each board, commission or committee. Details: 528-5720 or visit City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Ave.

# Late night intruder arrested at new middle school

By K. Osborn

## POLICE REPORTS

ALBANY — At about 10 p.m. on Feb. 21 Albany officers responded to reports of a prowler in the gym area of the new middle school on Brighton Avenue. They contacted two men, brothers from Fremont, who said they were employees finishing up some work. A check found that the 23-year-old brother had outstanding warrants from three different Alameda County agencies. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 the librarian at the Albany Library on Marin Avenue reported that a man who is known for lewd and obscene behavior was in the public bathroom, taking a bath with all his clothes off. Officers contacted the man, who apparently is bothersome but has not hurt anyone. They asked the District Attorney's office for their evaluation and recommended action.

On the afternoon of Feb. 23 a resident on the 600 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a parcel from her porch which had been set out for pick up by a parcel courier. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Feb. 24 a resident on the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves had broken into her car and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

At about 3 a.m. on Feb. 25 the CHP reported locating a green '93 Ford van which had been reported as stolen and they had detained several people associated with the theft. This was processed through the Albany police station and the owner was notified.

On the afternoon of Feb. 12 a resident on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue reported that thieves stole his black commuter bike while it was parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Feb. 25 a resident on the 800 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the license plate from his car. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Feb. 26 a resident on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night his green '98 Toyota Camry had been broken into. There were no witnesses.

At about 8 p.m. on Feb. 26 Albany officers responded to the 800 block of Kains Avenue on reports of a vehicle blocking a driveway and contacted six subjects who had been drinking. A 22-year-old Albany man was found to have an outstanding Alameda County warrant for driving with a suspended license in the amount of \$3,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to

Appear. The rest of the group admonished regarding their behavior and allowed to depart. They were warned that further contact the same evening could result in charges.

At about 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 26 Albany officers responded to reports of eight men fighting and one was pushed through a window business on the 1000 block of Avenue. All but one of the group departed when officers arrived. A 20-year-old Albany man had minor injuries and was being run. He refused to stop and was apprehended. The man, who has a history of fighting, refused to identify his attackers and these charges were made. He was resisting and obstructing and released with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of Feb. 22 Albany officers fingerprinted a man at their request, toward responded to nine false alarms, assisted eight people who were locked out of their homes, responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the domestic violence cases responded to 20 reports of disturbances and 82 Civil Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to six medical emergencies.

# Accident roadblock leads to DUI arrest

EL CERRITO — A liquor store near Mooser Lane and San Pablo Avenue was cited for selling beer to minors Feb. 8 after police stopped two boys driving an automobile containing the brew.

A 76-year-old woman who asked an officer if she could drive her car around a temporary roadblock set up by police following an accident near San Pablo Avenue and Fairmont Street was arrested Feb. 19 for driving under the influence.

A 55-year-old man was stopped by officers Feb. 20 after driving down Potrero Avenue near South 55th

Street in an automobile with one tire so flat police said it set off sparks. Apparently the driver needed a little air as well and he was arrested for driving under the influence.

On Feb. 26, a 26-year-old male on the 1200 block of Elm Street told police a former roommate was abusing his former fiancée. The man reportedly also said his 31-year-old former roommate was using a number of different drugs and growing marijuana in his former upstairs bedroom closet. The former roommate was arrested for growing and harvesting pot.

On the 7200 block of Court Feb. 27, a man stopped his spouse as she clung to the wheel then heaved a potted plant at the woman narrowly missing her head. According to police, the angry father also hurled a baby food at the mother and the room. He was arrested for inflicting corporal injury.

A male pulled over on Pablo Avenue and Cutting Road for a vehicle code violation was arrested when police saw his car he was driving was stolen.

# Focus on R.H. Anderson, estate sales

By Roxanne Wiley

Ray Anderson is a native of Albany and has been in the estate liquidation sale business since 1980. Now, some of you may be asking "Just what is an estate sale?" As it was explained to me an estate sale usually occurs when an individual dies or is unable to continue to live on their own and the family, executor or attorney contracts the liquidator to sell the individual's belongings en masse in a weekend's time.

Last year Ray bought the store at 904 San Pablo Ave. to house estate inventory that he purchases. You can find antiques, collectibles and some very campy stuff, which appeals to many people in this area, myself included. Every week there are new and exciting treasures.

Ray, also publishes maps of Albany, Berkeley and an ABC Teddy Bear poster which is sold in most poster stores in California.

### Albany March mixer at GGF

The annual Albany mixer at Golden Gate Fields will be held March 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the 1999 Spring season of thoroughbred racing and to announce the identity of the Albany Citizen of the Year. All chamber members will be receiving an invitation soon.

### Arts and Poetry Show

There will be an Arts & Poetry show at the Northbrae Community Church (on the Alameda at the top of Solano) Thursday, March 11 at 7

p.m. The show will include art and poetry from the students of McGregor High School and seniors from the Albany Senior Center.

The Friends of Albany Seniors and McGregor High School are sponsoring the show. Susan Charlip, an instructor at McGregor High, requested a grant from the Albany Education Foundation and received such to put on the show again.

It was very successful last year with contributions of poetry and all types of artwork including sketches, photos, sculpture, and ceramics.

You will find it interesting this year to see that contributions are from high school students as well as seniors from our community. The theme of this year's show is "Teenagers - Past & Present". Refreshments will be served.

### Albany Day at the Races

The annual Albany Day at the Races will be April 24. Keep that date in mind and remember, as always, great prizes are to be won from tickets purchased from your favorite service club or directly at the Chamber offices starting in late March.

### Local kids to cut CD

Brad Clark and Shawn Pippen will be at Anna's in Berkeley on the evening of March 4 making an acoustical (unplugged) for you hip readers' concert. They are called Zephyr and encourage you to attend this live recording session.

### Pool news

Lifeguard training begins March 6 through April 10, on Saturdays

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### AHS track & field benefit

The AHS Athletic Boosters and the Track & Field Committee are selling tickets to raise money for track and field by having a drawing on March 16.

First prize is a Schwinn MESA GSX bicycle from Solano Cyclery, second prize is a Seiko watch from Richards Jewelers and third prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Mary & Joe's.

Tickets can be purchased from boosters and at the Albany Chamber of Commerce. Hurry while they last!

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# AHS Science Team takes to road for D.C. title tilt

By James Carter

ALBANY - An academic all-star team from AHS scored a technical knockout Feb. 20 when they went 9-0 in the North Bay Regional Science Bowl Competition at Lowell High School in San Francisco. Team members Caleb Lo, Alexander McCormmach, Peter Rudiak-Gould, Seth Teitler and Victor Tsai took the socks off their competitors during a furious series of questions against nine other high schools. But the grudge match turned out to be a breeze for Albany opponents, winning them a trip to Washington, D.C. and a shot at the national championship.

The science bowl competition is much like the television game "Jeopardy," the difference being questions are asked and teams members must determine the correct answer. The last time Albany was represented in the national science bowl competition was in 1993, where they were victorious. Team members hope to bring the prize home again this year, though they admit the competition is tough. Yet after leaving their homes battered and bruised in regional competition, the Titans can barely wait to jump into the fray and flatten all takers.

Senior Caleb Lo will seek victory for his school and teammates when he arrives in Washington in May. For Lo, a contender came up short the past few years, the match is also one fought for personal redemption. "I've been really frustrated the last few years so this is a way for me to win and all those frustrating moments," he said as he manhandled a question. "I hope to go to Washington and I want to win first place and go out with a bang."

All those pencil necks in from other schools had better watch out, because the entire team can smell victory.

**Ready to rumble**

Seth Teitler fought on the last Albany team to take the national trophy. The senior, who plans on studying physical science and engineering at UC Berkeley, knows the team is up against. Nevertheless, fusing scientific experience with a tough focus, Teitler warned the tourist thing is not exactly why we're going to Washington. "We're going there to have fun and play some more and hopefully

to do real well representing Albany." Science Bowl Coach Rich Lohman is proud of all five students on the team. All had to battle with 20 other AHS contestants through a tough written test. Those who made the cut then faced each other in a buzzer round competition, the winners selected to compete in the regional finals.

## Wrestling with a decision

Lohman, Chairman of the Science Department at AHS, said all competitors were extremely talented, adding he had a difficult time picking the fifth member of the squad. All demonstrated an iron grasp of biology, chemistry, earth and computer science, physics, mathematics and astronomy, Lohman said, adding he's certain he made the right choice for the final spot since this year's contenders "work very well together as a team."

Lohman also credited the Albany Education Foundation for a substantial grant that provided students with electronic buzzers similar to those used on the television game "Jeopardy," equipment that he said contributed to their victory.

Commenting on the strength of the Regional Science Bowl Champs, Lohman said "It's noteworthy that at Albany — being such a small school — we have students achieving at such a high level as this. It's really an honor for me just to work with them."

## No match

Though Lohman declined any credit for the team's accomplishments claiming "I'm not a coach like an athletic coach," he was quick to point out their many strengths. "I was joking with colleagues in the science department," he said wryly, "and told them if we put up our science department members as a 4-or-5 member team against these guys, we'd get wiped out."

Despite their academic skills and mastery of facts and figures, the AHS Science Bowl Champs have a gentle side as well. Though they can make their opponents see stars, all five young men truly enjoy what they're doing.

Senior Peter Rudiak-Gould said "It's been fun preparing (for the regional bowl), to brush up on some topics and to learn some new ones. And it's been a great experience being with a great team."

Rudiak-Gould, a senior who plans on attending the University of Cali-



MEMBERS of the AHS Science Team headed for Washington, D.C. are (left to right) Alexander McCormmach, 15; Victor Tsai, 16 (sitting); Caleb Lo, 17; Seth Teitler, 11 and science department chair and team coach Richard Lohman.

**"It's noteworthy that at Albany — being such a small school — we have students achieving at such a high level as this. It's really an honor for me just to work with them."**

— Rich Lohman, coach

fornia when he graduates this year, said as far as the trip to Washington goes, "I'm hoping we can do pretty well though it's going to be a lot more challenging than what we've already done. I hope to visit some of the museums there and have good time."

## Field of dreams

Victor Tsai, a junior interested in physical sciences said "The whole thing has been great enjoyed all the practices, and all the weird things that we've done." As the boys slip "We

need more sleep. Washington, yeah, that will be interesting."

Before the next member of the team could share their thoughts, the Titans of Tech got into a good natured discussion about who was going to get the window seat on the plane ride to Washington.

Though Alexander McCormmach is the youngest member of the team, the sophomore did not seem particularly concerned about that debate. There were other things on his mind. "It's been my first chance to partici-

pate in the Science Bowl," he said "and it's been a real opportunity for me to learn some new science and figure out what I really know. It's definitely fun and exciting. But I think the best part was working with this group."

Whichever team is left standing after the national competition in Washington will win an all-expense trip to Australia, where, according to Teitler, they will attend a science symposium. "Caleb was telling us before we won on Saturday that our rallying cry should be 'Australia!'

That definitely applies. That would be a lot of fun," he said. Teitler paused for a moment to reflect then added, "We want to have a good time and do a good job of representing Albany."

## Emergency preparedness

In a major emergency, how would we communicate if the phone lines are inoperative? Residents of El Cerrito and Kensington are invited to attend a workshop and learning session about emergency communications on March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington.

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## Gung Hay Fat Choy

SAN FRANCISCO may have held its higher profile Chinese New Year's parade last Saturday, but students at Harding Elementary in El Cerrito were not to be outdone. A couple of Fridays earlier the school held its own parade on the playground, complete with homemade paper dragon, welcoming the year of the rabbit.

### PEOPLE

#### Katrina Cornish

ALBANY — A scientist who discovered that latex from a native shrub is free of proteins that can cause painful and sometimes life-threatening allergic reactions was honored earlier this month by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service.

Plant physiologist Katrina Cornish of the ARS's Western Regional Research Center in Albany, has been named an "Outstanding Senior Research Scientist of 1998" by the research agency.

"Dr. Cornish holds patents for hypoallergenic natural latex from guayule, a hardy native shrub in the southwestern United States, and for extracting and processing that latex," said ARS Administrator Floyd P. Horn. "Her innovative research should pave the way for using guayule's high-quality latex to make gloves, catheters and dozens of other products for medical, industrial and home use."

Cornish and other award recipients received plaques, cash awards and additional funds to support their research at a Feb. 10 ceremony at the agency's Beltsville, Md., Agricultural Research Center. ARS is the USDA's chief research agency.

"Experiments that Dr. Cornish has

organized with researchers throughout the country indicate that guayule latex is a practical, safe and reliable alternative to latex from other sources," said Horn. "New alternatives are especially important to the estimated 20 million Americans who are allergic to natural rubber from the most widely used commercial source, the Brazilian rubber tree. Susceptible people may develop reactions ranging from itchy rashes to deadly anaphylactic shock."

"In addition," Horn said, "domestic sources of high-quality latex would reduce America's reliance on imported rubber and on petroleum for making synthetic rubber products."

Horn also commended Cornish for helping establish a science workshop for local high school students. Scientists at the ARS Western Regional Research Center conduct the annual, semester-long Agricultural Science Academic Workshop. The dozen promising students, selected from groups underrepresented in scientific professions, attend lectures at the Albany center and conduct research experiments there. This gives them an inside look at careers in biotechnology, chemistry, food safety, human nutrition and other scientific fields.

Cornish currently leads a team

that is seeking the genes that cue guayule and other plants to make rubber.

"In the future," said Horn "biotechnologists may be able to shuttle rubber-making genes from one plant species into another. That could boost the amount and quality of latex produced by guayule or other plants suitable for growing in the United States."

Cornish, a native of Beccles, Suffolk, England, has been with the Agricultural Research Service since 1989.

She received her bachelor of science degree in biological sciences — with highest honors — in 1978 and doctorate in 1982, both from the University of Birmingham in Edgbaston, England. She has received five awards for equal employment opportunity activities and was selected by the San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board as the region's top federal scientist in 1997.

Lucy Vohs

Lucy Vohs, daughter of Richard and Judy Vohs of Albany, has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement at Colby College in Maine for the fall semester of the 1998-99 school year. Vohs, an Albany High School grad-

uate, is majoring in government and American studies.

Kristen Harkness

Kristen Harkness of Albany has received the National Italian American Foundation Mid-Pacific Regional Scholarship. Harkness attends Macalester College.

The National Italian American Foundation has awarded over one million dollars scholarships across the country in the last two years.

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Teen delegates invade capital

The Berkeley-Albany YMCA sent 29 teenage delegates from the Berkeley, Albany, an Emeryville areas to Sacramento to participate in the 51st Annual California YMCA Model Legislature and Court on February 12-15.

The YMCA delegates took over the state Capitol building and chambers during the conference, serving as governor, senators, assembly members, legislative pages, supreme court justices, lobbyists, and TV/press reporters.

Participants

Albany YMCA: Michael Edwards; Gentry Farley; Caitlin Fisher; Amanda Garcia; Russell Gualves; Stephanie Hagar; Oriana Hair; Emily Jackson; Sanam Joani; Sara Khosravi; Willie Lyon; Ana Moore; Kathryn Robinson; Cadeen Smallfield; Emma Swan; Prick Vance; Oscar Whelan; Katie Clancy, Advisor; Mark Manasse, Advisor.

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser

After an hour's chat with Susan Wittenberg, I left with a feeling of great admiration for the West Contra Costa Public Education Fund, for the wonderful things it is accomplishing in that very needy district, and for the woman who is Executive Director of that fund. Along with that was a feeling of hope that with organizations and people such as these, great things can happen to the children, not only here, but in other districts where such funds and people are also active.

The Ed. Fund, as it is called, started out small about 16 years ago. But from the beginning it had a three-pronged mission: To provide mini grants for projects other than the required curriculum, to enhance the curriculum, to encourage teachers to be creative — programs that neither the school board nor the schools could fund. The second prong was Teaching Excellence awards, recognizing outstanding teachers at a banquet where students, parents and the public could see and appreciate the fine work of the award winners. And, third, to add Supplementary Programs to the regular curriculum.

Originally the mini grants were \$300 each, but that has now increased to \$500, for special programs created by teachers for their classes. There are also \$1,000 grants to schools. Last year, Wittenberg said proudly, the Ed. Fund gave out 65 grants totaling close to \$40,000. She showed me the 1998/99 Annual Report of Grants, and I was struck by the variety and creativity, and by the sheer wonder and magic of having someone — or somones — recognize the true worth of such activities.

They included grants for funds to transport 80 3rd graders from Chavez Elementary School to the Richmond Plunge for swimming lessons; a violence intervention program at Nystrom School; funds to create a school garden and restore a native plant site at Olinda School and a similar grant to Stege; funds to provide students at Grant 18 sessions of Poets in the Schools; to provide hands-on, school-wide assemblies on marine science at Harding; to honor Paul Robeson by designing and implementing special curriculum and a commemorative mural at Lake; and on and on.

Susan Wittenberg spoke enthusiastically of the Awards banquet which will be held in May, with some 500 people attending. This year's recipient will be chosen later this month. She said that so far six of these \$500 awards have been made to teachers and/or librarians who have really exemplified excellent in education.

The banquet, Wittenberg says, will involve many students. About 80 of them high school students will serve, others will work with the caterers, all as volunteers, as are the teachers, parents and friends who are lending support and expertise.

Wittenberg speaks of the won-

derful people on the board of the fund. She started as a board member just after the fund was started (after, she says, she learned that it was necessary to be a good member). She realized that we have a responsibility to children that we undo the terrible things that have been done to them.

Since becoming executive director, she says she really appreciates the fine, committed board she has. They are all volunteers and spend much time and effort in raising funds for the program. The board, she says, is made up of all kinds of people, including parents, corporate representatives and many others.

The supplementary programs have become the largest part of the fund's activities for the last five years. They include school programs, home work programs, sports, counseling, usually at a high/middle school.

Many paid instructors from profit agencies, volunteers from El Cerrito and Pinole libraries, teachers from district schools provide some of the instruction. The program serves close to 1,000 children.

They also provide a range of structural music performance which are brought into elementary schools, from the Oakland East Bay Symphony, percussion performance from the Pacific Sticks, performed by Just Say Jazz and by music from the San Francisco Symphony. The fund started the program of the Oakland East Bay Symphony (a family concert will be held in 1999) and the fund has a goal of bringing 2,000 children to the performance, aided by the East Bay Community Foundation and the store in El Cerrito.

Susan Wittenberg is a dynamic woman, who is also a consultant in designing and instruction of technical writing. Married to Harry Wittenberg, they have "two wonderful daughters" and their two grand children are twins. There is so much to say about her, but, at the time and space . . . there was too much to tell you about the fund. But both the fund and the woman directing it are a boon for the District and its students.

■ ■ ■

I met Susan Wittenberg when I went to a reception for Michael Hagan — a double blessing.

Again, I invite all of you to share your ideas: interesting projects, events, organizations, etc. I will write to me at 555 Pierce St., Albany, CA 94706, or call 528-5444. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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## Bernard Laufenberg

### OBITUARY

Albany resident Bernard Laufenberg died Feb. 13 at age 79. Mr. Laufenberg was born June 2, 1919.

He was retired from Operating Engineers, where he worked as a drilling contractor. He also retired from Berkeley Pump Company. He was a member of St. Ambrose and St. Jerome parishes, and was recently involved in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was the husband of Joan Bucher Laufenberg of Albany, father of Norman Laufenberg of Antioch, Christine Laufenberg of Cul-

ver City, Linda Yaris of Richmond, Jack Laufenberg of Sacramento, Carol Balding of El Cerrito and Peter Laufenberg of Oakland. Father-in-law to Patricia Cornello Laufenberg, Voletta Yaris Laufenberg of Clayton, Blaine Yaris, Jim Balding and Becca Fettel Laufenberg. Grandfather of Erich Laufenberg, Michael Muccione, Christopher Yaris, Keli Yaris, Steven Yaris, Nicholas Bald-

ing, Dana Balding, Gage Laufenberg and Guy Laufenberg.

Contributions in his name may be made to the St. Mary's College/High School Scholarship Fund, 1294 Alameda Ave., Berkeley, CA 94706, VNA Hospice, 1900 Powell St., Suite 300, Emeryville, CA 94608, or St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 308 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, Ca 94530.

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by Dr. Laura VanHarn

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by Dr. Jason A. Deitch

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## Massage: Recovering from Injury

by Dr. Leni Sinclair

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by Albert Newton

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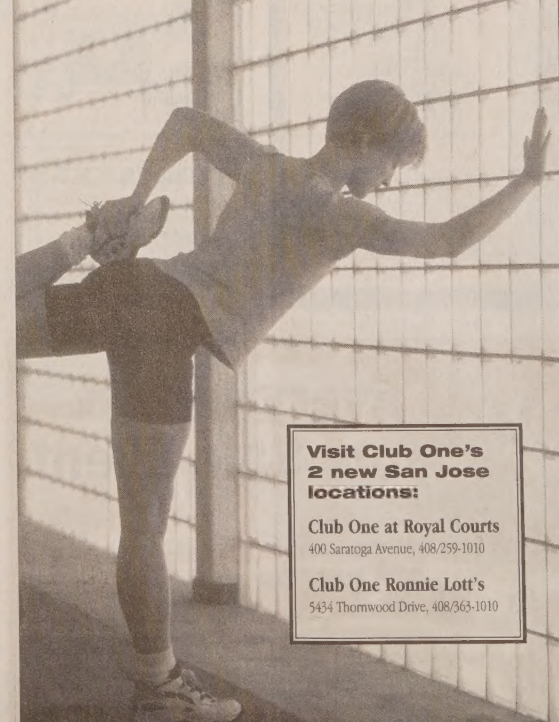
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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

### Albany PTA Council

March 29, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., a.m.S Library

### Albany High School

■ **SCRIP Orders:** Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's or Lucky certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429.

■ **March 4, Instructional Improvement Council Meeting,** 7 p.m., AMS Room 53.

■ **March 5-7, "Fiddler on the Roof,"** AHS Little Theater

■ **March 11, Principal's Roundtable,** 5 p.m., AHS Room 53 March 12-14, "Fiddler on the Roof," AHS Little Theater

### Albany Middle School

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Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Janet Nichols at 526-6259.

■ **March 4, PTA Meeting,** 7 p.m., AMS Library. Topic: Gay/Lesbian Committee GLIC will discuss ways to address student safety; parent input welcome.

■ **Saturday March 27, AUSD Curriculum Director Marianne Camp** will meet with AMS parents to discuss AMS curriculum, 10 a.m., a.m.S Library.

### Cornell Elementary School

March 10, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Library

### Marin Elementary School

■ **Marin PTA** has voted to support the Parcel Tax Committee. Fundraising now in progress.

■ **March 6, Family Math Saturday.** Call Janice Bettiga at 527-2562 for more information and scheduling. March 11, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.,

### Teachers' Lounge

### Albany Citizens Parcel Tax Committee

March 10, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1604 Solano Ave., Albany (Law Office of Robert Cheasty) VOTE for the Parcel Tax on June 8! Save Albany's Strong Schools!

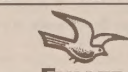
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### AUSD Board of Education

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# A simple but powerful formula

By Sallie DeWitt  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Good news! Your garden-variety public school—even a failing school in a low-income district—can become a model in a few short years. The miracle cure? An outstanding principal supported by parents and an involved community.

That's precisely what turned around Washington Elementary, in Richmond, California. In 1992, Washington was foundering under a half-time principal.

The school district had just declared bankruptcy, neighborhood families were sending their kids elsewhere and rumor had it that the school might be closed. In response to this crisis, local business owners—I'm one of them—formed The Washington School Many Hands Project.

We organized volunteers, started

an Adopt-a-Class program, and we lobbied the district for a full-time principal. In 1993, we got one: Kaye Burnside.

Today, just five years later, Washington is a model to learn from. Last year it was toured by more than 1,000 visitors, including the city mayor, the chancellor of UC-Berkeley, Congressman George Miller, Governor Pete Wilson, and even a delegation from Norway.

Enrollment is up 120 percent, and there is a waiting list for both students and teachers.

People argue about how a turnaround like this can happen. What's the key? Good teachers? Student discipline? Parent involvement? Technology? Facilities? Money? At Washington we know all these are important, but we have no chicken and the egg dilemma.

We know which comes first: Strong leadership. If you have a strong leader like Kaye Burnside—and you give that leader support from parents and the community—all the rest will follow. It's that simple.

Which is not to say it's easy. Kaye Burnside arrived with a vision that she fought for with the tenacity of an entrepreneur. She lobbied the school district. She cajoled outsiders. She demanded and modeled respect and high expectations for all members of the school community, motivating students, teachers and parents to reach for lofty goals.

Countless evening and weekend hours went into this effort—both her own and her staff's. Kaye spearheaded a monumental grant-writing effort bringing in more than \$500,000 above the district's budget. In a district with one of the strongest unions

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in the state, she reformed her teaching staff and supported them with ongoing teacher training.

Her "Never-say-never" attitude didn't include the words can't, won't, or shouldn't. She made things happen when others said it couldn't be done. The result: A model public school—envied by others—with top-notch teachers, regular facility maintenance, a robust school-wide technology plan, student discipline, and a healthy budget.

My advice to those who want to improve schools is this: focus on school site leadership backed by parents and the community. The combination is the make-or-break-it element.

If you're in education you know this is true. You probably think this is self-evident, like "Mom and apple pie"—obvious! Remember that people outside education are generally confused about where to begin making changes in schools. Talk about what you know to be true. Reward your best principals. Herald the winners! Commit to having strong leaders in every school in your district—and call for support from the community. Make it happen. If you're not in education, visit your school and attend meetings; evaluate the principal's leadership and effectiveness like you would a business manager. If you find an outstanding principal, support them!

Acknowledge their good work openly, volunteer time, make requested donations, and let others know how well the school is doing. If you don't find a strong principal at your school, get involved and

lobby the district to make a change. Whenever a new principal is signed, pay close attention to her background, qualifications and reputation. That's what you're looking for a good manager, and it's no different with principals.

Last July, grateful business and community activists in Richmond raised \$15,000 to hire Principal Burnside to write a plan on how she turned the school around. We want others to know what we did to make Washington successful. Beyond this, we're clear on one thing: Never again will we settle for a mediocre leadership in our schools. We want to see all the students in the district—indeed, across the state—supported by the caliber of leadership we've witnessed at Washington School.

While we know this is a challenging goal, that's our vision we're going for it. Put excellent leaders in every school and call for parents and the community to support them. It's a simple formula that works. It is possible that in just a short time we can make Washington Elementary.

Sallie DeWitt is co-founder of Washington School Many Hands Project. Want to receive West County School Watch delivered to your house?

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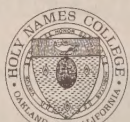
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# A most unique professor

## Snappshots

By Martin Snapp

I'll never forget my first day of law school at UC-Berkeley's Boalt Hall. The first class was Property, and the professor started by asking in a thick German accent, "Vich Van Of You Vent know?"

"Like an idiot, I raised my hand. All right, Mr. Smarty-pants," he said. "Tell me: What is 'property'?" I don't remember what I answered, but I sure remember what he said. "Dot is the shoopest answer I ever heard! Do all Yalies have ever heard of potatoes for brains like you?"

This was my introduction to Prof. Riesenfeld, and my experience with anything but unique.

Bob Berring, the Law Librarian at Boalt Hall, recalls the time when one of his classmates asked a dumb question for what seemed like an eternity. And finally say, "You are probably wondering why it is taking me so long to answer your question. The reason is that I am trying to formulate an answer that will not expose you to the fact that you really are. And I have failed."

Ann Fingarette Hasse, General Counsel for APL Land Transport Services in Oakland, remembers the time Prof. Riesenfeld demanded to know if one of her classmates was unmarried for class. "My wife was having a baby last night," the guy exclaimed.

Without missing a beat, Prof. Riesenfeld responded, "Well, you would have read the cases to her!" Now I know this makes him sound like the law professor in "The Paper Moon." But there's one big difference: The movie character was a sadist who took pleasure in humiliating his students. But Prof. Riesenfeld was actually a pussy-cat. His curmudgeon act was just that — an act. Nobody was fooled, and nobody's feelings were ever hurt.

In fact, being called "shoopest" by Riesenfeld was considered a badge of honor, like a saber scar at West Point. Ask any Boalt graduate, and they'll tell you that Prof. Riesenfeld was the biggest character they met in their life, hands down. As a colleague, Prof. Richard Buxbaum, told students, "If you haven't met Riesenfeld for at least one course, you haven't really gone to Boalt." It wasn't just his personality that made him memorable. The word "stupid" is often overused, but what you call a man who was the acknowledged world's expert in so many different fields of law?

He wrote 32 books, 140 scholarly articles and 119 book reviews. He was the academic advisor to the U.S. government in the Panama Canal negotiations, the recognition of the state of Israel and the Iran hostage case.

While in his 70s, he served two years as Counselor on International Law at the State Department and represented our country in three major cases before the International Court of Justice.

In 1946 he served as legal advisor to the U.S. Office of High Commissioner in Germany, where he helped write the German constitution. He also wrote the statute for Hawaii's worker's compensation regulations and was one of the pioneers in human rights litigation in the United States.

Prof. Riesenfeld was born in Breslau, Germany in 1908. He came to this country in 1935, a refugee from Hitler. He had the obvious disadvantage of being able to speak English, he admitted to Boalt Hall, and he had

to learn a new language at the same time he was learning law.

How did he teach himself English? By watching cartoons — Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse and Tom & Jerry! He graduated from Boalt at the top of his class and was editor of the Law Review.

When World War II broke out, he joined the Navy and served as a radio operator in the South Pacific, where his German accent sometimes caused misunderstanding. One wary American submarine radio operator, after hearing Prof. Riesenfeld's heavily accented voice, replied, "Buddy, you sure are lucky this is the South Pacific!"

After the war he did a stint teaching at Harvard (which explains why he liked to pick on Yalies) and the University of Minnesota, where he somehow found time to pick up another degree in electrical engineering. It's also where he met his wife, the former Phillis Thorgimsson. True to his nature, he proposed to her within seconds of meeting her, saying, "Some day you will be Mrs. Riesenfeld."

"That's crazy!" she said. "The two of us are not mutually exclusive," he replied.

It took him several years, but he finally convinced her to say yes with this romantic speech: "I've figured out why you keep putting me off. It's because you're looking for the perfect man. But what makes you think the perfect man is looking for you?"

He returned to Boalt in 1952 and never left. Professor Riesenfeld was an intensely patriotic man who was very grateful to America for taking him in and very proud of being able to serve this country.

He loved his students, too. His frugality was legendary: He never took a plane when he could take a bus. And when he did have to fly, he always insisted on flying Icelandic Airways — no matter how inconvenient — because it was a few bucks cheaper than other airlines.

But whenever a student was in financial straits that might force him or her to drop out of law school, Prof. Riesenfeld always found a way to surreptitiously sneak them the money. His only stipulation was that his generosity be kept secret.

Prof. Riesenfeld passed away Feb. 17 at the age of 90. True to form, he was still grading exams the night before he died. A memorial service will be held March 17 at the UC-Berkeley Faculty Club.

It's not enough to say he was the best-known professor at the law school," says Dean Herma Hill Kay. "To many people, especially in Europe, he was the law school."

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### Ongoing

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug:** 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

**Figure Drawing:** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. through March 17; Carol Brighton, instructor; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park; 644-6893; \$125.

**Vista College:** Through May 24; "American Fiction: 1945 to the Present" with Dr. Yehudi Goldfarb; \$36 All classes located on the UC-Berkeley campus; 841-8860.

## Health

### Ongoing

**YWCA Health and Community Education:** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

### Ongoing

**"Work Buddies":** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic:** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project:** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors:** their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffey Auditorium, Merrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

**The Women's Cancer Research Center Friends and Family Support Group:** offers a group for emotional support for family and friends of women with cancer every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7

p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 255-0891 before your first meeting. WCRG Grief Group meets Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for 8 weekly sessions. Call 548-9272 or 649-9818. Stress Reduction / Relaxation Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All groups meet at 3023 Shattuck.

**New Beginnings - a chemical dependency treatment program at Doctors Medical Center in Pinole -** offers community support group information, free assessments, education and counselors who can talk about drug and alcohol dependency treatment and prevention. Call 724-1520 for information.

**The Edible Schoolyard:** an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

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## Exhibits

**Art in the Loft:** through March 14; hand-blown glass, marbles, vases and goblets by Christopher Roscoe and Arturo Ramos, functional art, jewelry and boxes by Susan Emerson; watercolors and hand-made cards by Lucia Emerson; 2589 Eighth St., #41, Berkeley, 848-7952.

**"Art-On-Site":** Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. through March 24; eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series; Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; 525-2464.

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## Gray Davis needs to find his place in the sun

**Is Gray Ever White!** I met what may well be the whitest man in our racially diverse state this week: Gov. Gray Davis. A guy who's surrounded by men in black.

And believe me, I know from white people. I lived in the Great White North, Canada, for several years. In that heavily caucasoid country, Gordon Lightfoot is considered a soul singer. (One joke in the humor book I wrote about Canada: Q. What do you call black people in Toronto? A. "Tourists.") And my son has lived in Portland for six years. The kid was pretty pale when he went away to college, but six years in that rainy city have made him as pasty-looking as the natives.

Plus, I'm originally from Indiana, and you just don't get much whiter than that. OK, maybe Minnesota. Comic and Ohio native Martin Mull once did a funny series on HBO called "The History of White People in America." In it, "research" was cited — much of it about golf jokes — from "The Institute of White Studies in Zanesville, Ohio."

I met His Gray, er, His Whiteness at ABC Broadcast Central in San Francisco this week when I showed up to do my regular guest spot on Ronn Owens' popular talk show. Three dark-suited Secret Service types were killing out front at 900 Front Street.

I was scheduled to follow Davis on the air. (Tough gig, huh?) I walked into the station's "green room" and started chatting with a security guy hired by ABC. Two of Davis' bodyguards were in the KGO studio. "I once guarded the Secretary of State of Illinois," the guy told me with a straight face.

The governor's time was up, so I walked in the studio and introduced myself. Davis, who looks even more blanché-out in person, was talking with KGO Radio boss Mickey Luckoff. We exchanged a few pleasantries after Davis reflexively shot out his hand for me to shake. The Governor said he'd read my column. (Yeah, right). Our ghostly Governor and his dark-suited hired muscle then left the studio. He looked more like the governor of North Dakota.

The only one left in the studio who was dressed totally in black was talk host Owens, a consummate wiseass (like I should talk). A grin crossed his face. "Know what bothers me about that guy? He's just too darned ethnic for my taste."

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: After I left KGO, it occurred to me that even with all that security, I'd still walked right up to the Governor carrying a briefcase no one had examined — KGO boss Luckoff confirmed he'd "explored the possibility" of luring windbag Rush Limbaugh away from KNBR to KGO's conservative sister station KSFO, "but it didn't work out." That might be the reason contact negotiations with KSFO morning host Geoff Metcalfe had been on hold for months. But one

### Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

KSFO colleague tells me, "Geoff's deal is now done," and he'll stay ... Popping into the studio during the radio show: Owens' pal Daphne Brogdon, who's Dr. Dean Edell's saucy producer. Daphne may be the busiest woman in local broadcasting these days. Brogdon now co-hosts "C-Net" with Richard Hart. And she's performing in an S.F. improv group. She's also doing commercial endorsements for everything from Bose radios to Total cereal ...

When KTVU early-morning news anchor Dianne Dwyer returns from maternity leave April 12, she'll have a new co-anchor. That's because the capable anchor-reporter who worked with her, Greg Liggins, is apparently on the way out at the Oakland station. I'm told Liggins has been given until May to find a new job. Why? Liggins' proposed new contract calls for him to do reporting as well as anchoring, and Liggins apparently wants to anchor only. So KTVU's veteran Washington correspondent, Mark Curtis, who's been filling in, will be Dwyer's new anchor-desk partner. Liggins WILL be doing a bit more anchoring, though. Starting tomorrow he'll fill in for regular Channel 2 weekend anchor Julie Haener, who's just taken off for maternity leave and whose baby is due next week. This means that the Oakland cash machine is short two-thirds of its blonde anchors for the next month ... And although San Leandro's Brian Copeland is out as "Mornings on 2's" interview, I hear from KTVU sources it's not just because of the reason given, that Copeland wants to return to stand-up comedy. There may also have been some salary issues between Copeland and shrewd Channel 2 boss Kevin O'Brien. I've asked Copeland to comment, but as of this writing, I haven't heard back from him. His "Copeland's Corner" commentaries on KTVU will continue, however ...

One senior exec at KRON has an interesting comment and prediction about the station's "Hat Lady," jolly film critic Jan Wahl. "We're going to try to

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By Dave Tuller / Edited by Will Shortz

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12 Scored in bezique	54 Amtrak fares?	99 Queen Eliz., e.g.	17 Like some sympathies
18 "1984" conspirator	55 Turn about	100 Attention—	18 Most doll-like
19 Where lemons are picked?	56 Capek drama	101 Experienced, old-style	20 "Later!"
20 Opium compound	57 Barry Sanders and teammates	103 Vow taker	21 "Later!"
21 Fixing the space-time continuum?	62 "Nonsense!"	104 More hot-tempered	22 Gridiron stat
23 It started a little before 1000 B.C.	64 1970's-80's cause	106 Waterway named for a talk show host?	26 First-of-a-kind 1960's TV star
24 Controls	65 Singer who co-starred in "Johnny Mnemonic," 1995	109 Like some foreign movies	31 Top-notch
25 Baffled	67 Limit placed on PBS?	110 God of death who underwent resurrection	32 They connect to the knees
26 Thank you—	71 Limping, maybe	111 Three-time Emmy-winning host	34 Ed of "Married ... With Children"
27 Pants problem	73 Words from Mr. Moto	112 Bound	35 "—" goes according to plan ...
28 Ago, in Aberdeen	74 Efficiency symbol, in physics	113 Like most store items	37 Gobbie
29 Average	75 Modern fat substitute	114 Texas oil city	38 Calculus calculation: Abbr.
30 High priest in Exodus	76 North Wind personified	DOWN	39 Semiramis's realm
32 Newcastle's river	77 "—" "Cope Book"	1 Strong beers	40 Communicating
33 Geology?	78 Dogtrot and fox trot	2 Key color	41 People who study cuneiform?
35 Migrate	80 Successor car to the Studebaker	3 Flame throwing, maybe	44 Talk show chatter
39 Ability to hit a target	81 Off-shore lodging	4 Fall preceider?	46 Arctic explorer John
42 Donkey drawer	83 Set of plates	5 Vacation souvenirs	63 Bratislava resident
43 Inevitable	84 "The King and I" role	6 Abbr. in a business letter	64 Little nothing
44 Lose everything	86 Time to play taps	7 3.26 light-years	80 Woman of letters?
45 Part of a percussion section	87 Like a landowner	8 Spur	51 Most of the world
47 Courses	88 Archinids that appear over the summer?	9 Bother for a boxer	68 Sews
48 — tree (Indiana state tree)	91 Some Oklahoma Indians	10 Because of it's a mess	70 Like 70's fashion, now
49 Commercial passage		12 Western landscapist	72 Coach
50 Worth		Thomas —	Parseghian
		13 Land south of Judah	

get Jan to tone down her hats a bit, to wear hats that are more classical and in better taste. The ones Jan wears now are pretty tacky." Agreed. "I know why Jan does it, because it's flashy and show-bizzy," the savvy exec says, adding, "But when viewers tune in and see her poor taste in hats, they figure her taste in films is also bad, which isn't true." Well, not most of the time, anyway ... Speaking of flicks, a recommended film: "Office Space," an intelligent, Dilbert-like office comedy from Mike Judge, creator of Fox's clever "King of the Hill," and, yes, "Beavis and Butt-head." Three stars ... Fellow "NYPD Blue" fans will not be happy to learn that TV's most acclaimed drama is going on a month's hiatus starting next week. It'll be replaced by "Strange World," a new ABC series from one of "The X-Files" pro-

ducers (NOT Chris Carter). "Strange World," which previews Monday and then appropriates "Blue's" time spot the next night, is a badly done "X-Files" rip-off filmed in — where else? — Vancouver, eh? (That's where "Files" was filmed until this year). Something may be Out There for "Files" fans when the Fox series ends one day soon, but it sure isn't "Strange World." ...

Olympic champion East Bay figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi seems like a fine young person. In fact, I recently ran into Kristi and her mother at Oakland International, and Kristi was bright and personable. But saying that, it's inordinately painful to watch the ice star trying to act — whether it's in those new Mervyn's ads, or the spots she did for K-101 Radio last year. Kristi makes Elvis look like a thespian ... Michael Krasny host of KQED-FM's

"Forum," couldn't believe it when he answered a call the other day and heard a famous actor's voice. "It was weird, even surreal, picking up the phone and hearing, 'Michael? Robert Redford.' Then, to make things even stranger," Krasny adds, "to hear him

tell me he couldn't believe he was talking to me." Redford has apparently come quite a "Forum" fan since coming to Calistoga recently — a momentous occasion confirmed when he did a panel discussion with Krasny's week over in Mountain View ...

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Call me nuts or call it a mid-life crisis, but I LOVE SNOWBOARDING! I am one of the "Mothers Who Ride Boards." I laugh in the face of a loss of estrogen and "just do it" as the slogan says.

I saw two more mothers snowboarding at Sugar Bowl last weekend. I was coming off the lift and saw them giggling like school girls as they buckled into their Burton snowboards. They gave me a knowing look, already understanding that we are trespassing into sacred teenage territory and loving it.

Greg Murtha, Sugar Bowl's marketing director, says I shouldn't feel so smug. His figures show many more adults are trying snowboarding for the first time. Mothers want to see what their kids are getting into and fathers want to prove their "machismo."

If they stick with it they find it can be more fun than skiing and a lot easier

way to plow through the thick snow we call "Sierra Cement." It's fluid body movement as you go your way down the mountain. You can contend with and no chance crossing your skis.

Speaking of "Sierra Cement," skiing is just around the corner. It's a time when many purists hang out on boards for the season. The snow wet and the warm sun brings out a stinky stinkiness in folks. Many resorts hire live bands to play on the decks as the smell of sunscreen and beanie fill the air.

When I was young, we would up the snow at the bottom of the lift to form a little lake, then try to enough speed going down to fly the water. More often than not, we only halfway ... sinking into the water and getting soaked. The crowd deck would cheer wildly and sink red-faced into the chaise longue our wet clothes. I don't see that happening today. It plays hell with our skis and matching outfits.

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## Events

**Strong Women Writers and Heroes of American Literature** meet on Thursdays from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. This is a free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program. For additional information call 549-2970.

**Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education** group holds a free monthly support group on the second Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffey Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No advance reservations required, drop-in anytime. Friends and family are welcome to attend. On Tuesday, March 9, Randy Gey will speak on "Exercise and Arthritis." For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

## Music

**March 5, Simon Berry** plays meditative organ and piano music to soothe the soul and accompany the Rite of Healing at 11:15 a.m. at St. David of Wales Church, 5641 Esmond Ave., Richmond. Benediction follows at noon. Details: 237-1531.

**First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley**, 2407 Dana St. continues with its 1999 Organ Recital Series. Simon Berry organist from St. David of Wales Church in Richmond will perform the works of Bach, Brahms, Karg-Elert, and Howells. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 848-6242.

## March 7

**The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center (BRJCC)** presents the 14th Annual Jewish Music Festival at various locations in the Bay Area. The festival opens on Sunday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. with Ghetto Tango: Music in Extremis, starring Adrienne Cooper and Zalman Molek at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets are \$15, \$18. For additional information including locations, call 849-0237.

**John H. Cotrufo**, soloist for Slavayanka Men's Russian Choir presents a concert of Neapolitan song on March 7, at the Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave. Cotrufo, who also sings in Italian will appear with his combo. Tickets are \$10 general and \$8 for seniors and students.

**"El Barrio Meets Chinatown"** featuring guitarist Tomas Montoya and singer/songwriter Charlie Chin in a night that explores the Asian and Latino experiences in America. The performance begins at 8 p.m. Ticket is \$5. For additional information call 849-2568.

**Pianist Richard Goode**, recovering from a recent concussion of tendinitis, has been forced to cancel his Cal Performances recital scheduled for Monday, March 8 at Zellerbach Hall. The concert will be rescheduled. Patrons holding tickets may exchange them before March 12 for another Cal Performances 1998-1999 or a refund at the place of purchase. Call 642-9888.

**Theater, Dance & Film**

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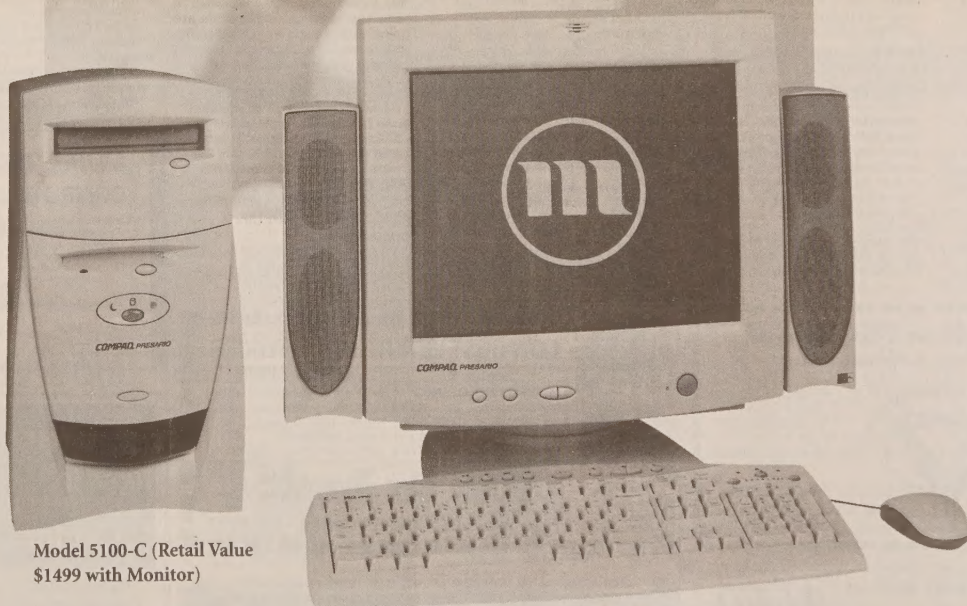
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## Parks

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The \$4,500 fix will repair tiles and fiberglass surfaces and the work will be guaranteed for one year. After that, the repair may last a year or two, but there is no guarantee, Kortz explained.

"We've done a good job keeping the pool together, but stress is showing," Kortz added.

She said the "ballpark" estimate of fixing the swim center properly is "at least a half a million dollars."

The Park and Recreation Commission embarked on a series of public and neighborhood meetings and questionnaire mailings in 1997 to discover what people want in their city parks and recreational facilities.

Park priorities stated at these meetings include upgrading unsafe playground equipment, a Monterey pine and eucalyptus tree removal program, a better Hillside Natural Area fire reduction plan and path lighting at city parks.

Concerning recreational facilities, people wanted the community and swim center rehabilitated, they wanted Canyon Trail Clubhouse reopened, and access improved to Pointsett Huber clubhouse and the Harding Park outdoor restroom.

People also wanted restroom facilities provided at Central and Creekside parks and deferred maintenance done at several sites.

Many in the community would also like to see the clubhouses restaffed "as they were 20 or 30 years ago" and would like to see a new multi-use field and gymnasium and teen center.

The problem is how to pay for these improvements and continued repair of the facilities.

"Let's suppose it's a million, let's suppose it's \$2 million, let's suppose

it's \$3 million — I'd still like to see an analysis where you say — what is it that people are willing to spend?," said Mayor Gina Brusatori at the meeting.

"It may be \$25 a year or \$50 a year or \$75 a year," she added.

"How much would it take?," to rehabilitate the recreational facilities, asked Councilwoman Jane Bartke.

She suggested "a capital improvement bond that could be put together by citizens within the city" for the parks.

Councilman Mark Friedman suggested a "pay as you go" basis for most improvements (the swim center would be an exception, he said).

Councilman Norman La Force suggested linking the park and recreation improvement plans with street improvement and other city needs "to appeal to the broadest constituency of voters."

According to a report prepared last October for the Committee of the Whole by the Community Services Division, total building maintenance and park maintenance costs are estimated at \$969,788. However, the upper limit of one total estimate is \$1,350,000. Costs to rehabilitate the swim center are estimated at \$531,400.

These costs apparently do not include "turf and irrigation" system rehabilitation throughout the city park system, which would add another \$300,000 to \$500,000. Development of a multi-use play field at Portola Junior High is estimated at \$700,000.

Additionally, the report notes in several places that these estimates need further refinement.

Concerning the swim center costs, for example, the report states that "for true costs a consultant must be hired" to determine the severity of the center's deterioration.

The request for proposals process for the swim center and Canyon Trail Clubhouse repairs should pin down the true costs of those two projects.



CHRIS TREADWAY

## Attention shoppers

**NOBODY WAS INJURED** last Friday when a man in a late-model car apparently hit the wrong pedal and crashed through the plate glass window of the 7-Eleven on Stockton in El Cerrito shortly before 10 a.m. The collision sent glass, the magazine rack and other displays across the floor. "There was a lot of noise, a lot of noise," said the regional representative of the franchise's parent firm, the Southland Corporation, who was standing in front of the window with the store's clerk, "just 15 seconds before. At least nobody was hurt. We can fix the building." Police and fire crews attended to the driver.

## Mystery

FROM PAGE A1

into the collection — and is found out," O'Marie said to the score of fans gathered at the reading. The priest also accepts donations to perform special masses, but doesn't follow through with the work, spends the congregation's bingo money and generally behaves in a rascally manner.

When the tainted Monsignor is murdered on a St. Patrick's Day, the inimitable Sister Mary Helen and sidekick Sister Eileen investigate the host of suspects to discover who done it.

The Monsignor had a lot of enemies and at least six prominent members of the congregation had the opportunity and motive to send him on to the pearly gates and St. Peter's judgement.

While the long-haired bookstore cat Tricky moved quietly under the chairs in his white booties, sniffing ankles and purses, O'Marie read from the opening chapter and then talked about her work with the homeless, why she began writing and adventures she has had while researching her novels.

"I was a fund raiser for a Concord high school," O'Marie explained. The job was stressful and she was told to "take up a hobby." To relax, she began going to an adult education writing class and there began her first Sister Mary Helen Mystery novel.

That first effort was good enough to eventually get the attention of big-time New York publisher Charles Scribner III and the rest, as they say, is history. "It was dumb luck," O'Marie said humbly. "I didn't know how much of a miracle it was."

"Death Takes Up a Collection" is her eighth murder mystery and she is already hard at work on number nine: "Requiem at the Refuge."

O'Marie has taken a vow of poverty and all royalties from her writing go the order.

"It's the most moral of all the genres" O'Marie answers when asked why a nun writes murder mysteries. "P. D. James said it's today's morality play," she added, quoting the noted British mystery writer. "The good guy always wins," O'Marie explained. "It's a battle between good and evil—between Lucifer and Michael and the good guy always wins."

And writing murder mysteries has its big and its little rewards.

A scene of one of her novels was set in a Spanish restaurant, O'Marie said.

She and her friend Sister Maureen Lyons traveled to San Francisco's Mission District and ate at a Spanish restaurant.

O'Marie had her notepad and took notes of the surroundings and feel of the place during the meal.

Soon she and her companion were receiving special attentions.

Waiters were especially attentive, the maitre d' paid a visit and house

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— Sister CarolAnne O'Marie

specialties were pointed out.

It was obvious the restaurant mistook the mystery writer for a food critic.

O'Marie didn't say whether or not she corrected the misidentification, but she did note that her friend told her afterwards: "We're never going to go to another restaurant without that pad."

"It's been great fun" she said of her writing career.

"Because I'm a nun who writes murder mysteries, I'm like a three-legged duck" she said, explaining that she gets invited to "different places where you usually wouldn't get invited to."

She did say that critics and readers are sometimes quick to point out mistakes in her novels.

One reader wrote O'Marie to inform her that the good Sister Mary Helen would never display "such bad table manners" as she did in one novel. O'Marie had had the protagonist blow on her coffee to cool it down and such behavior is apparently quite gauche in some circles.

A professor wrote to tell her that she mislabeled a Steller's Jay or Scrub Jay as a true Blue Jay.

O'Marie said she has to get her poisons right in the novels or she will definitely hear about it from the experts.

"Doing research on poisons is not easy," she said.

O'Marie also noted that one critic said the corrupt priest in her latest novel would have been found much sooner in real life.

Her agent and publisher have suggested she "kill off" Sister Eileen, Sister Mary Helen's sidekick.

(A wave of shock and indignation went through the people at the reading when O'Marie revealed that bit of information.) "Who would do the reference work?," asked one woman in the audience who knows very well how much Sister Mary Helen depends on her partner in sleuthing.

**Joining the order**

O'Marie has been a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet since 1951. "I entered when I was about 3," she quips.

She has taught 7th and 8th grade English, was a school principal, a feature editor of the San Francisco

Catholic and was vice principal for development at Carondelet High School in Concord.

O'Marie said her order "serves the dear neighbor in any capacity in which they are not being served." About 10 years ago O'Marie and another nun, Sister Maureen Lyons, co-founded A Friendly Place, a drop-in center and a residence manor for homeless women in Oakland.

A Friendly Place on San Pablo Avenue serves more than 1,800 women each month.

O'Marie describes it as a place where women can maintain their "self respect" and "take care of basic needs — showers, toilets, safety and warmth." The center operates on donations from individuals and groups and from on-site sales of O'Marie's books.

The building is an island of dignity and cleanliness in a area of Oakland known for drugs and crime, barred windows and trash on the sidewalks.

At the center, you find women talking and laughing and taking care of themselves.

Some are barefooted — some wear several layers of clothing — some seem to have all their worldly goods in a nearby basket.

But they all seem to know that, at least for a while, they are in a safe place and that A Friendly Place is just what the name says it is.

O'Marie said some of her patrons are mentally ill, but adds that drug abuse is the "single biggest problem." She said the program has helped many people get back on their feet and added "we have several sunshine stories."

Sometimes the kindnesses and tender mercies provided at A Friendly Place are quite simple.

O'Marie told the group gathered at the bookstore about a woman named Caroline who used to frequent A Friendly Place.

She described Caroline as a "very scrambled" woman who wore her pantyhose on her head "tied into a bow."

O'Marie said Caroline would sometimes use phrases such as "gross national product," so people suspected "that somewhere in there she had had a different life." O'Marie said that smoking cigarettes was one thing that helped Caroline "get her calm back." Unfortunately, others on the street would sometimes steal cigarettes from this scrambled soul.

So one of the sisters tried to convince Caroline to let her hold the cigarettes and dole them out to her to keep them safe from theft.

Caroline didn't understand this request and at first refused to hand over the precious commodity.

She was told the sister would be "like a bank" for her cigarettes.

Slowly she began to understand and a little bit of Caroline's former life resurfaced.

"Are you insured?," she finally asked the nun.

"Do you give dividends?"

## EL CERRITO GOALS FOR 1999-2000

- Develop a measure to the city budget stable
- Initiate a written economic development plan for the city
- Draft a ballot measure for city park and recreation that are financed.

## Goals

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Bartke, who has been in her tenure on the council this workshop was "council." While sipping on mineral sodas from an ice cooler, council first listed 19 possible targets they most want to plish in the next 12 months.

Possible goals were large white paper sheets taped on the walls of the training room. After much discussion and debate, this year were winnowed down to 15 to the final seven. There were ballots during which council members marked their preferences.

The three top 1999-2000 goals are unanimous on Mayor Gina Brusatori. Cerrito should develop a measure to make the city budget stable, written economic development for the city should be initiated, measure so that city park and recreation facilities are be financed.

Both the park and recreation city budget stabilization ties call for some kind of financing mechanism to sustain priorities include creek and shed enhancement and rest developing a "financing mechanism" the city's club houses, community center and public safety but make them seismically safe, developing specific plans for Norte and midtown areas.

The council also wants a city-wide discussion about creating a community center which include a city hall, cultural and an arts and history center, long term goals for 2005, expansion of economic development and a financially responsible city government. Communication safety, investment in infrastructure and expansion recreational opportunities, goals for 2005.

Recognition and celebration "broad diversity in the community" was also added to the long goals this year. At the suggestion Councilman Mark Friedman, council agreed to adopt an action plan to reach these goals. The plan will include specific tasks, get dates and will show who is responsible for doing what. Reports will be made to the council regarding progress toward goals.

The council will set a date for action plan in late March and integrated "master work plan" be implemented. "We need to big picture and then we'll make some decisions," Friedman noted. Towards the end of the shop, when the matter of making a council code of conduct discussed, the debate became heated. The first of the "hot" stated: "If you see an error in a question, go to the city manager/staff/mayor/chair (Bartke Agency) prior to the Councilman Larry Damon's rule "has Brown Act provisions over it" referring to the mandating open public meetings said such a rule gives the right that the councilmember is "it off-line" and that public are being dealt with privately, smacks of off-line, clandestine dealings," Damon contended. Bartke disagreed. Several council members said they sometimes call or clarify items on the agenda.

Bartke said she considers "common courtesy" for councilmembers to give staff pointers about problems they have with questions they will ask at a meeting. She also noted the public don't preclude later questions, house rules don't mean you're questions during the meeting. Bartke told Damon. Bartke giving a heads-up is more since staff can talk to a meeting prepared to answer questions. "It helps us move process along," she explained. "can talk to the city manager want—it doesn't violate the Act," pointed out Councilman Larry Damon. However, were made in the Council's conduct rules. The rules changed from "house rules" to "gested guidelines" and some language was modified and added. The new preamble emphasized "open, honest, vigorous debate in a 'civil, efficient and inductive manner.' They're not rules," Larry Damon said at the workshop and insisted that open to interpretation.



# SPORTS

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## Panthers thinking NCS Div. IV finals

**St. Mary's boys healthy, at No. 4 Drake tonight**

By Mike McGreehan

To look at the North Coast Section Division IV boys basketball seedings, one would have expected No. 5 St. Mary's High School to have a landslide win at home over first-round opponent Kelseyville.

And the Panthers enjoyed just that type of win when the teams met Tuesday night. St. Mary's got off to an early lead and never looked back in an 88-52 clobbering of the Indians.

"All in all, our kids played hard and we did what we were supposed to do," said Panthers coach Jose Caraballo. "Now that we're healthy, I think we're good enough to win NCS."

Caraballo will get no debate from Kelseyville, as St. Mary's (16-12) led from start to finish.

The Panthers now look ahead to tonight's second-round game at No. 4 seed Sir Francis Drake (17-11) at 7:30.

Drake, the same school the St. Mary's girls team beat Tuesday night, had a first-round bye in boys playoff action.

After tonight's games, the NCS semifinals will be played Friday with the championship Saturday. And if the Panthers can play as they did in the first round - well, maybe Caraballo is on to something.

### Team effort

St. Mary's enjoyed an outstanding team effort. Ebon Glenn finished with 20 points and James Harris added 19 more to lead the way. But theirs weren't the only great efforts.

Victor Venters finished with 12 points. He also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds. Lorenzo Alexander added nine points and seven rebounds.

John Sharper and Chase Moore came off the bench to score seven and six points, respectively. Dashawn Freeman added five points. Kellen Dixon and Terrence Boyd scored four each. Adam Mott-Rampel finished with two.

In addition, Freeman had five steals and Harris dished out four assists.

St. Mary's started quickly, scoring the game's first three baskets for a 6-0 lead. But the Panthers didn't break clear immediately. Kelseyville tried to make a game of it early, even pulling to within one point on two occasions.

As time wore down in the first quarter, though, the Panthers started to make their move. When Harris netted a 3-pointer, St. Mary's had a 20-12 lead with 2:08 left in the period. Some 32 seconds later, Harris netted a pair of free throws to make the score 22-12. St. Mary's first double-digit lead.

At quarter's end, the Panthers led 24-14, then proceeded to add to that advantage.

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ST. MARY'S Desirea English (23) drives past Holy Names Kendra Boyd (50) in the league final Saturday night at Alameda High. The Lady Panthers lost that game, but went on to win beat Sir Francis Drake in the first round of the North Coast Section Division IV girls basketball playoffs at St. Mary's High on Tuesday.

## St. Mary's first-ever NCS victory

### Lady Panthers in 2nd round tonight

By Peter Mentor

Desirea English stole the ball with four seconds remaining in the game and was immediately decked to the floor.

The St. Mary's High senior got up, went to the free-throw line and hit both her shots for a 48-44 lead. English then stole the ball as Sir Francis Drake hurried to get up the court.

Time ran out and St. Mary's preserved its biggest victory in school history for the girls basketball program.

The Lady Panthers had just won their first-ever North Coast Section playoff game and they did it at home Tuesday night in front of a supportive crowd.

St. Mary's (21-8) now faces No. 3 seed Ursuline High (19-9) in the second round of the NCS Division IV playoffs tonight at 8 p.m. at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa.

The Lady Panthers were joyous after the game, which was a rematch of their first NCS action last year.

"All I was thinking was I have to make those free throws," said English. "I'm extremely excited that we pulled this out. We played as a team and we won it."

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## Jackets show why they are No. 1 seed

**Berkeley girls thrash Pittsburg, play Castro Valley Friday**

By Mike McGreehan

Berkeley High School had by far the most prolific and most exciting girls basketball team in the East Bay this year.

The Yellowjackets went undefeated in East Bay Athletic League play, beating their closest rival, Amador Valley, twice in the process.

So it came as no surprise, then, when the Yellowjackets earned the No. 1 seed in North Coast Section Division I play when first-round brackets were announced Sunday.

Berkeley more than justified that seeding at home Tuesday, thrashing first-round opponent Pittsburg 80-24.

The Yellowjackets (22-5) are set to play Friday night in the NCS semifinals against Castro Valley (24-6), a 54-36 first-round winner over Mission San Jose.

Castro Valley upset Bishop O'Dowd in the Hayward Area Athletic League finals to get the No. 4 seed in this division.

### Pittsburg blowout

Berkeley had little trouble in its first-round game against Pittsburg. The game's outcome was never in doubt, as the Jackets took command early with a 26-4 lead after one quarter.

Aisha Hollans paced the Yellowjackets with 19 points, and Coriel Davis added 11 more.

The rest of the offense was spread around as 15 players took part in the scoring.

Robin Roberson had nine points, Celeste Jenkins eight and Erica McGlaston seven for the Yellowjackets.

Angelita Hutton finished with five points, while Natasha Bailey and Nichole Hardaway tossed in four apiece.

Lillian Burnett and Danielle Milburn each scored three points. Joshann Miles, Fele Uperesa and Sabrina Keys had two apiece.

Hayovel Yisreal and Lauren Chambers each had a free throw.

After its monster first quarter, Berkeley continued its supercharged play by outscoring the Pirates 21-3 in the second.

With a 40-point halftime lead, coach Gene Nakamura had the luxury of giving all his substitutes a taste of playoff competition. Still, Pittsburg's starters were no match, as the Yellowjackets' lead grew to 66-16 by the end of three quarters.

Berkeley tuned up for NCS play last Friday by closing its EBAL campaign with a 91-38 win over California High. With the win, the Yellowjackets finished their regular season a perfect 14-0.

Six players reached double figures in scoring for Berkeley. Hollans and Hutton led the way with 16 points each. Nicole Brown added 13, and Uperesa, Keys

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## Gauchos turn it on to win league crown

**El Cerrito is No. 1 seed in North Coast**

By Mike McGreehan

For the first two quarters Friday night, El Cerrito High School played at the level one would expect of a very good boys prep basketball team.

In the third quarter, however, the Gauchos were a great team, as they scored 51 points en route to a 78-56 dismantling of De Anza in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League Super Power Division championship at Alameda High.

With the win, El Cerrito (25-3) earned an automatic bid to the North Coast Section playoffs.

The good news continued Sunday for the Gauchos when they received the No.

1 seed in the NCS Division III pairings. El Cerrito had a bye Tuesday, then was set to play No. 8 American in second-round play Wednesday.

American (21-8) beat unseeded San Lorenzo 64-35 in first-round action Tuesday.

The winner Wednesday would play in the semifinals Friday night against either No. 4 Anza or Miramonte, a 66-54 overtime winner over Northgate in the first round Tuesday.

If the Gauchos can play as they did in the third quarter last Friday, they should have few problems.

Against De Anza, El Cerrito showed flashes of its brilliance in the first half while building a 29-22 halftime lead.

### High gear

Then in the third quarter, the Gauchos suddenly kicked their game into high gear. Especially St. Mary's College-bound

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## Berkeley has an iron in the Div. 1 fire Jacket-Dragon semifinal on Friday

By Mike McGreehan

Year after year, the North Coast Section Division I playoffs offer high-quality boys prep hoops to area basketball junkies who just live for this time of the year.

And this year promises to be no different. With its usual cast of characters—number one De La Salle, number two Bishop O'Dowd and number four St. Joseph—Division I promises to be another barn-burner. Even the most casual fan should enjoy the competition, too.

In addition to the three aforementioned basketball powers, Berkeley High School will have a hand in the torching of this year's barn.

When the NCS announced its first-round pairings Sunday, Berkeley (21-5) had earned the third seed and was scheduled to face Pittsburg (15-10) on Wednesday.

A first-round win would pit the Jackets against the Dragons of O'Dowd (23-5) Friday in another great matchup of

Berkeley's best boys team vs. Oakland's best boys team.

### Perfect in league

Berkeley secured its high seed in large part by winning the East Bay Athletic League title. And the Yellowjackets did that in commanding fashion, going undefeated in EBAL play at 14-0.

Berkeley wrapped up its EBAL season at home last Friday by creaming overmatched California 100-64.

Six players scored in double figures for the Yellowjackets. Kaylin Thornton and Jason McGlaston led the way with 15 points each. David Doubledy and Perry Pugh added 13 apiece. William Watkins chipped in with 12, and Malik Harris finished with 10.

Berkeley jumped out to a huge lead and never looked back. By the end of the first quarter, Berkeley enjoyed a comfortable 29-9 advantage. The Yellowjackets saw that lead grow to 75-36 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Austin Nichols finished with seven

points for Berkeley. Shobab Gaston added six, while D'Marcus Thompson and Art Alexander added three each. Zillion Cash added one basket.

### Top seeds rested

Bay Valley Athletic League champion De La Salle received the number one seed after posting an overall record of 26-0. The Spartans have a first-round bye, then take on the winner of the St. Joseph-James Logan game on Friday.

O'Dowd had a bye Wednesday after the original NCS schedule was torn asunder Tuesday morning.

Originally, O'Dowd was to play James Logan on Wednesday with St. Joseph facing Deer Valley. But Deer Valley was ruled ineligible Tuesday, forcing a schedule change.

Deer Valley had inadvertently misstated its record against Division I opponents at Sunday's seedings. The

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Taekwondo

The 30th annual U.C. Open Taekwondo Championships will take place at the Kaiser Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. on March 20. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 general admission. Children under 5 are free and group discounts are available. For more information, call the University of California Martial Arts Program at 642-3268. Information is also available on the Internet at [www.ucmap.org](http://www.ucmap.org).

## Basketball

The Hoop-It-Up World Tour 3-on-3 basketball competition will make a stop in Oakland for the seventh consecutive year on April 24-25. Hoop-It-Up is open to players 8 and older with divisions for all skill levels. More than 3,600 participants are expected to compete in the parking lots of the Oakland Coliseum this year. Entry fees are \$98 per team or \$140 for the ultracompetitive Top Gun Division. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 14. For details, call the Hoop-It-Up hotline at 1-888-997-PLAY. Or visit the official tour website at [www.hoopitup.com](http://www.hoopitup.com).

Bay Area Youth Sports will host its eighth annual tournament of champions March 19-21. The tournament is open to boys and girls

from fifth grade to high school varsity. Cost is \$225 per team and games will be played in Alameda and San Leandro. Teams are expected from all over California. For details, call 1-925-283-4297.

Bay Area Youth Sports will hold its 14th annual spring league for boys and girls every weekend from March 27-May 9. Teams range from fourth and fifth graders to high school varsity players. For more information, call 1-925-283-4297.

Student-athletes with a special aptitude for basketball are being sought for the Nor-Cal select travel program. Games will be played on weekends from March 20-Aug. 15. Tryouts are open to players in grades 6-11 and are being set up now. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to schedule a tryout, call 582-6563.

## Soccer

The Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League will hold tryouts for its under-14 girls Class I and III teams at the San Lorenzo Community Center "Duck Pond" at 1970 Via Buena Vista in San Lorenzo. All tryouts run from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tryout dates are: Sunday, March 14; Sat-

urday, March 27; Sunday April 11. For details, call Paul McCallion at 317-7938.

The Alameda Contra Costa Youth Soccer League Mavericks will hold Class I boys tryouts on six dates. Tryout dates for the under-11 to under-14 age groups are: Sunday, March 7 and Sunday, March 14 at Fielding Field; and Sunday, March 21 at Eastshore Field. Tryout dates for under-15 through under-19 are: Sunday, April 25, Sunday, May 2 and Sunday, May 9 at Eastshore. For more information, call 655-8500. Those interested in Class III boys soccer are encouraged to contact one of the following clubs: Albany-Berkeley (848-1339), El Cerrito (869-KICK) and Mersey (524-4625).

## In-line skating

CalFit of UC-Berkeley Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports is offering a two-hour in-line skating class from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 6. Participants will receive instruction on safety and injury prevention. Full protective gear (helmet, wrist, knee and elbow pads) is mandatory. Cost is \$20 for Cal students, \$22 for Cal Rec members and \$24 for non-members. For details, call 643-5151.

## St. Mary's can't match Monarchs

By Peter Mentor

Experience counts, especially in a league final. St. Mary's found that out last Saturday when it was hit by the juggernaut Holy Names.

The Monarchs won their fifth straight Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League Powerhouse Division after beating Lady Panthers 51-35 Saturday night at Alameda High.

For a few minutes the game looked the way a championship game is supposed to look, then it slipped away fast into another Holy Names rout.

At one moment it was 6-6, then the Monarchs went on a 2-4-0 run and it was over. Holy Names outscored St. Mary's 15-1 in the second quarter for a 30-7 lead at the break.

The Panthers have some talented players, the difference being patience. St. Mary's program is only three years old and the team does not have the experience to stay with a Holy Names.

The Monarch, on the other hand, had been there before and they knew just what to do.

"We have patience with ourselves because we're confident with our skills," said Boyd, one of three seniors who have never lost a league title game in four years. "When our team is patient we're successful."

Holy Names coach Dennis Flannery had a plan to forge a big lead as quickly as possible to ruin any idea of a upset. It worked.

"We felt if we could get up on them they would go away," said Flannery. "It was 6-6, then all of a sudden we got a run and they couldn't sustain it. They got very passive with the trap and I thought that played right to our hands."

Lorena Ahumada had an off night, but the Holy Names senior's two 3-point baskets were big.

One of those bombs came during the run in the second quarter that pushed the lead into double digits.

Ahumada hit the other one in the third quarter just before the Panthers had an 11-0 run. That meant a grand swing of eight points for St. Mary's and Holy Names still led 38-21.

The Monarchs went on a 12-4 run

to counter that run and the lead was back to 25 points.

St. Mary's outscored Holy Names 10-1 to end the game and make the final score look a little more respectable.

The Panthers had a couple of 3-pointers from seldom used Chantel Cain, who was wearing a junior varsity uniform and looked like a ringer from the parking lot.

## Notes

Boyd tied for game scoring honors with Lauren Presley, who also had 12 points. Ahumada finished with seven points and Chandra Bailey had six points.

St. Mary's was paced by D esirea English and Joslyn Shelton, each with eight points. Cain had her six, while Robyn Byrnes, Celeste McGruder and Spring Harris had four points apiece.

## Jackets

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and Hardaway each had 10.

For good measure, Roberson pumped in nine more.

Berkeley got off to a fast start and led 20-10 after one quarter. By halftime, that lead was 46-24. If the outcome was ever in question, the Yellowjackets erased all doubts by outscoring the Grizzlies 22-4 in the third quarter.

Jenkins finished with five points for Berkeley. Bailey added one basket.

## Boys

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Wolverines claimed a 6-5 record when in actuality it was 4-4.

The games in question were two wins and a loss against fellow BVAL school Liberty, which had been a Division I school before an enrollment drop placed it in Division II at the start of the school year.

The leaves O'Dowd and De La Salle rested for their semifinal games.



EL CERRITO'S Jovan Harris (35) times his shot to avoid De Anza's defense in ACCAL finals Friday.

## Gauchos

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senior Jovan Harris.

Harris was a one-man wrecking crew for El Cerrito, scoring 15 points in the quarter, including 13 of his team's first 15 and 11 straight at one stretch.

Harris, who ultimately led the Gauchos with a game-high 19 points, picked up his fourth foul in the final minute of the quarter and took a seat rest of the night.

He had done his job. So had fellow starters Andrew Gooden, Emonte Jernigan, Jason Washington and Jeremiah King, who all soon accompanied Harris on the bench after having helped build a 60-35 lead after three quarters.

"I didn't think we did a good job rebounding in the first half," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "But our bench did a nice job and Jovan did a really nice job in that third quarter."

Huber's bench players had their best chance to shine in the fourth quarter. And for the most part, they

performed well. Early in the fourth quarter, with all the starters by then taking the rest of the night off, those reserves lifted the score to 64-35. El Cerrito's biggest lead of the night.

Though a 22-point margin of victory is huge by any measure, a De Anza basket and a couple of free throws in the waning seconds made the game appear just a tad closer than it really was. El Cerrito was simply very dominant.

Though the Gauchos safely tucked the game in the win column during the third quarter, their dominance began to show in the second. El Cerrito had more height, more talent and more athleticism than the Dons. For the Gauchos, it was just a matter of kicking their game into high gear.

Gooden, who finished with 12 points, got El Cerrito started by scoring the first two baskets of the game for a 4-0 lead.

But De Anza fought back, even taking a 5-4 lead at one point. With the score tied 6-6, Jernigan nailed a 3-pointer to put the Gauchos back on top. A few minutes later, De Anza clawed back to tie 12-12. But once again Jernigan responded with a trey

to recapture the lead.

El Cerrito carried a 17-12 edge into the second quarter and proceeded to build on it. With 11 in the half, Harris sent a long pass to Gooden, who was crowded with a spectacular dunk that put the Gauchos up 25-12.

Some 43 seconds later, he drove the lane for yet another light-reel dunk. This one made the score 29-18, giving El Cerrito the biggest advantage of the half.

But the Gauchos couldn't get carried away by their good play as De Anza scored the final baskets of the half: the last one a trey-beater to cut its deficit to 25-23.

Jernigan, who finished with 3-pointers, had 11 points in the night. Jamal Hill and Billy Hill off the bench to add nine each more, respectively.

Washington finished with points and Montré Vandenberg off the bench for four more.

King scored his only point 3-pointer. Arlonzo Moore also had three points, while Ronnie Franco Harris had two apiece.

## Lady

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It actually should have been a one-point deficit, but the referees didn't seem to notice that the shot by Drake's by Kristen Hayes, one that bounced high off the rim before falling through the net at the buzzer, was a 3-pointer.

## Foul trouble

St. Mary's had three starters in foul trouble in the second quarter and they had to sit. The Lady Panthers' inexperienced bench could not hold the lead and the starters were forced to fight hard for this win.

"Me and the two other starting guards were in foul trouble," said English of the second quarter. "The game was in other people's hands."

English agreed this one was ugly, but not as bad, she said, as the 51-35 loss to Holy Names in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League Powerhouse Division final last Saturday in Alameda.

St. Mary's was lucky Drake couldn't shoot free throws. The Lady Panthers went to the line 40 times and hit just 20 of those shots. Drake went an anemic 5-for-14 shooting from the line in the second quarter.

Luck may not be the right word. St. Mary's coach Don Lawson said he scouted the Lady Pirates before this meeting and he knew they could not hit free throws.

"We knew they were a 45- to 50-percent shooting team from the line," said Lawson, who was playing the percentages pretty close. "I told (my players) to be aggressive. We were too tentative against Holy Names."

Drake hit only 12 field goals in the game, which was another reason why St. Mary's won.

In contrast, St. Mary's senior Spring Harris hit eight field goals for 16 of her game-high 17 points.

English was second on the team in scoring with 10 points, including 4 of 6 shooting from the line.

Joslyn Shelton had eight points, while Celeste McGruder and Rosie Aikens chipped in six points each. Azure D'Nunley had one point, but in this game, everyone counted big for the Lady Panthers.

Stephanie Fieldman was the only Drake player in double figures with 13 points, with seven of those coming from the line. The Lady Pirates had seven players scoring.

The score was tied twice in the late moments, at 39 and 41. Harris gave her team the lead for good on a fast break layup with 3:09 left.

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# Arts

## The lone man and the sea

### EVENTS

#### Rinde Eckert Casts Off In Mackey/Dresher Opera for Solo Voice

Alone Around the World, perhaps no words have struck a stronger chord with sailors through the ages than the challenge of circling the globe, with only wind and terror for companionship. The first organized race for solo circumnavigators, and the incredible real-life story that scandalized it, forms the basis for Ravenshead, a modern opera presented by Berkeley Repertory Theatre as its second Parallel Season production this year.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre Artistic Director Tony Taccone will direct the piece for solo voice by composer Steve Mackey and librettist Rinde Eckert; it will be performed by Mr. Eckert and the Paul Dresher Ensemble Electro-Acoustic Band.

Co-produced by Berkeley Rep and the Paul Dresher Ensemble, "Ravenshead" will be presented in a limited run with previews beginning March 5. The production opens March 10 and closes April 4. Both "Ravenshead" and the current Parallel Season production Peter and Wendy are being staged at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre in Berkeley.

Ravenshead is based on the true story of Donald Crowhurst (in the play Richard Ravenshead), a flamboyant British electronics manufacturer who convinced himself and others that he would win the inaugural 1968 Golden Globe race — a non-stop, solo sail around the world. Eight months after the start of the race, his trimaran Teignmouth Electron was discovered in the mid-Atlantic structurally intact with no one on board.

Through his log books it was discovered that, after a series of blunders that put him irrevocably off course, Crowhurst concocted a plan

to hide in the Atlantic's seldom navigated southern waters and then sprint to the finish as his competitors rounded Cape Horn.

When faced with the likelihood that his deception would be discovered, Crowhurst's already fragile psyche began to unravel and it is believed that after 243 days at sea he simply stepped off his boat mid-ocean. "Ravenshead" presents a timeless re-examination of mythology, ideology and the nature of "truth."

"Berkeley Rep productions frequently cross the boundaries of tra-

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## Aurora opens 7th season

### SECOND MAN

"The Second Man" plays Wednesdays through Sundays, March 5 to April at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Showtimes: 8 p.m. Wed - Sat and at 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. on Sun. Tickets, priced from \$22-\$32, are available by calling the Aurora Theatre Box Office at 843-4822. There are four preview performances: March 5-7 and 10.

The Aurora Theatre Company's seventh season continues with S.N. Behrman's "The Second Man," a love quadrangle directed by Nancy Carlin, and featuring J. Michael Flynn, Susan Hegarty, Jennifer Taggart and Timothy Glenn.

The action takes place in New York, 1928, in Clark Storey's West Side apartment. Storey is a writer and self-proclaimed dilettante who is interested in the elegant widow Mrs. Kendall Frayne not only for her wit, but her "multitudinous boudoir." Kendall is helplessly in love with Storey, as is Monica Gray, an adorable and audacious, but poor, young woman who is off again on again engaged to Austin Lowe, an enormously rich, and love-sick, young chemist. Storey takes it upon himself to ensure Monica and Austin's engagement, thereby securing his own financial stability with Kendall, while Monica battles against Storey's inability to love honestly.

Behrman adds a humanity and complex cynicism that set him apart from the other writers of the American Comedy of Manners of his day.

Lunt and Fontanne starred in the original production at the Theatre Guild in 1928.

Nancy Carlin makes her Aurora Theatre Company directorial debut. In four seasons at the Foothill Theatre Company in Nevada City, CA, Ms. Carlin directed The Diary Of Anne Frank, The Art Of Dining, Sylvia, and last summer's Romeo And Juliet at the Lake Tahoe



SUSAN HEGARTY and J. Michael Flynn in Aurora Theatre's 'The Second Man.'

Shakespeare Festival. While a company actor with the American Conservatory Theater, Nancy directed studio productions of The Tempest, Cymbeline, The Merchant Of Venice, and Maria Irene Fornes' Dog Lady. Nancy has performed for the Aurora as Nora in Nora, Cleo in Rocket To the Moon and Leslie the Lizard in Seascape.

TICKETS: Subscriptions are on

sale from \$60-72. (\$90 for opening nights) Single tickets are also available for \$22-\$25. (\$32 for opening night). This season we have added Sunday at 7 p.m. performances (in addition to our Sunday 2 p.m. matinees) to better accommodate ticket demand.

The Aurora Theatre Company is Artistic Director Barbara Oliver and Managing Director Tom Ross. The

goal of this Equity company is to create an actor-oriented theatre company that places high value on words and ideas. Housed in the Julia Morgan-designed Berkeley City Club, the Aurora Theatre Company presents new work and revivals in an intimate theatre setting. Now in its seventh season, the Aurora has played to consistently sold out houses since its inception.

## 'All In The Timing' makes debut at Contra Costa Civic Theatre

Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents All in the Timing by David Ives, the second production in the theater's PlayMakers Series this year. This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun. The show is directed by the husband and wife team of Wendy M. and Michael Ray Wisely.

The show begins with Sure Thing where two people meet in a cafe and mince through the minefields of love.

Words, Words, Words recalls the philosophical adage that three monkeys typing into infinity would eventually turn out Hamlet, and asks, "What would the monkeys talk about at their typewriters?" The Universal Language, a story where Dawn, a stutterer, meets Don the teacher of a wild comic language. Laughter and love follow their lessons. Mere Mortals eavesdrops on a lunch hour on a girder 50 stories above the street as three construction workers share increasingly amazing secrets of their past. Finally, Variations on the Death of Trotsky shows us the Russian

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communist on the day of his demise, desperately trying to cope with the ax in his head.

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## Earthwatch 'expedition' series coming to Oakland Zoo

Are you striving to make a difference in the world and looking for an intense adventure you'll never forget? Then an Earthwatch expedition may be your ticket to paradise. Come to the Oakland Zoo this spring for a series of Earthwatch lectures and discover a world of possibilities.

On March 9, Dr. David Smethurst and Dr. Bernard Nietschmann of the UC-Berkeley will present the Costa Rica's River Wildlife program. These geographers will lead an expedition in Tortuguero, Costa Rica in an effort to save the manatee, as well as the other spectacular wildlife in the

area, while focusing on economic development for the people in the region. Learn how to be a part of this bold undertaking and establish a real model for other communities.

Dr. Judd Howell of the U.S. National Park Service will introduce the California Wildlife program on April 13. Deer, coyote, bobcat, and hundreds of other animal species live within sight of San Francisco. Help determine how the recreational activities of more than 19 million visitors per year affect Golden Gate National Recreational Area's plants and animals. A Herculean task, this project

will help protect resident animals from displacement by human visitors.

On May 1, Wallace "J." Nichols of the University of Arizona will introduce the Sea Turtles of Baja program. Baja is home to the black sea turtle, one of the rarest sea turtles in the world. Help the team discover the basics of black sea turtle life, and discuss conservation with the local people.

Anthropologist Dr. Lynne Miller of the UC-San Diego will present the final lecture, Life As A Monkey, on June 8. Learn how wedge-capped capuchin monkeys balance the pros and cons of group living. Join this in-

depth study and help save endangered primate populations worldwide.

All lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Marion Simmer Auditorium in The PeopleSoft Center for Education at The Oakland Zoo. Admission is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. For further information, contact Anne Warner, Education Assistant, at 632-9525 extension 124.

The Oakland Zoo is located at 9777 Golf Links Road, off Interstate 580. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 2-14 and seniors. Zoo information 632-9525.



STUART BROTMAN

#### Ah, Napoli

A performance of Neapolitan songs presented by tenor John Cotrufo, accompanied by piano, mandolin, guitar, accordion and bass, will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at The Chapel, 1789 Scenic Ave. in Berkeley. Tickets: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, students.

#### Leon Roberts tribute

St. Mary-St. Francis de Sales Church, 707 Jefferson St. (between Seventh and Eighth streets), in Oakland, presents Leon Roberts and Friends in Concert directed by Lidia Carlos Reyes on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Lidia's talented friends are Jesse Manibusan, from St. Joseph Church, Alameda; Janet Whitaker, All Saints Church, Hayward; Rufino Zaragoza, OFM, San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville and Ken Canedo, St. Monica Church, Moraga. All are composers in the Oakland Diocese and will be backed by a choir of people from throughout the Bay Area. Leon Roberts, who was to have been a part of the concert died on Jan. 23, shortly after being diagnosed with stomach cancer. The concert will continue, using Mr. Roberts' work as planned, as a tribute to him and his talent. At the time of his death, Mr. Roberts, a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C., was artist-in-residence at the Union Theological Seminary, Manhattan; and Director of Liturgical Music for the Fordham University Campus Ministry at Lincoln Center, New York City. He was a co-founder of the Rejoice! Conference on Black Catholic Liturgy, in Washington, D.C. Tickets or details: 832-5057.

#### Cris Williamson & Tret Fure

On Saturday at 7:30 p.m. the Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, presents Women's Music mainstays Cris Williamson & Tret Fure. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Reservations and details: 339-1832.

#### Passages in sculpture

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St. in Berkeley, kicks off "Passages," a new exhibit in which 12 sculptors explore explicit or metaphorical pas-

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TO TANGO, starring Zalman Mlotek and Adrienne Cooper from New York, is at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 Alameda Ave., in March 7 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the 14th annual Jewish Music Festival. On Sunday, March 14 Stuart Brotman directs the festival finale, "Finif, the Fine Art of Klezmer Doina, at 7:30 p.m. at RACC, 1414 Walnut St. in Berkeley.

#### Jewish Music Festival

The Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center presents the 14th Jewish Music Festival March 14, at various locations in the Bay. Highlights of the Festival include an evening of cabaret songs by Polish and Lithuanian ghetto musicians during the Holocaust with Jewish music specialist Zalman Mlotek and acclaimed singer Adrienne Cooper, world-renowned cantor Haim Louk presenting a tapestry from Morocco; a bill of "Jewish music on the jazz fusion of John McLaughlin and the acapella group the Roots and the hard rock beat of the Hostess. Other events include Spanish love songs, music from the Fertile Crescent and the art of the string ensemble. Tickets information: 848-0237.

#### Showering in Albany

Onto your hats Sunday at the Albany Community Center Theater when the Buddy Club kids presents Jim Beatty's "Happy Theatre." Jim Bidi and Pol E. are two hilarious physical Chaplin comedians, chasing and over each other as they pretend to clean up their house. Hostess show is singer Randy McCreary, whose confusion and wit has every kid correcting his "bee stung me on my knee" mistake. The fun starts at 2 p.m. at the Community Center, 1249 Albany Ave. Tickets: \$6 under age 2 details: 652-SHOW.

#### Kahn exhibition

and spirit are wed in the vibrant and spiritually vibrant painting by Judah L. Magnes Museum. "Tobi Kahn: Metamorphosis" opening Sunday and running through May 23. The West Coast premiere of the exhibit opens reception on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. featuring the artist and curator Department of Art History Professor Emeritus Peter Selz. Selz talks at 3 p.m. The exhibit features emotionally powerful works from between 1982 and 1995 by a team of refugees who lost their homes in the Holocaust. The exhibition with the collaboration of the Graduate Theological Union at the Magnes Museum, 1100 St. in Berkeley. Details: 848-0237.

#### Flamenco Saturday

March 6 El Cuadro Flamenco will stage at La Pena, 3105 Broadway Ave. in Berkeley at 8:30 p.m. An electrifying evening of flamenco music and dance. Tickets: \$15. 499-2668. On Sunday, March 7, 10 p.m., the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawrence St. in Kensington, presents a new in a concert of music by the Bay Area composers. Works performed include: "Circol," by John Cage; "A Season of Grief," by John Cage; "Scratch Etude," by John Cage; "Cave of Swimmers," by John Cage; "Orpheus Cycle," by John Cage; and "Cyber," by Herb Berger. Suggested donation is \$15. Admission, \$10 seniors and students. Details: 525-0302.



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sages, with a reception on Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. featuring live jazz by the Paterson Schoeneweer Duo. Gallery hours are Wed-Sun: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The unique contemporary sculpture was created by artists from California, Washington State, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New York, Idaho and Illinois. Details: 525-7621.

### 'Introduction to Soul Food'

On Saturday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Wesley Foundation, 2398 Bancroft Way at Dana in Berkeley, presents "Introduction to Soul Food", a free class on mind/body meditation. The classes are designed for Christians and non-Christians and for both those who have no experience in meditation or who want to deepen their spiritual practice. The instructor, Charley Lerrigo, is a United Methodist pastor assigned to developing spirituality work in the Bay Area and for decades has practiced meditation in both Christian and Eastern traditions. Details: 549-1244.

### MATRIX/Rigo 99

MATRIX/Rigo 99, the latest exhibition in the UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive MATRIX Program for contemporary, opened this week and runs through the end of June. Best known for his compelling public artworks, Bay Area artist Rigo 99 will create a series of three hand-painted banners that will be installed on the Bancroft Way facade of the Museum. In keeping with much of Rigo's work, this installation will have an overtly political message, in this instance concerning the imprisonment in 1977 of Native American activist Leonard Peltier. Although Rigo 99 (his art alias, which changes with the calendar year) has created many gallery installations, his preference is to create public artworks that can be seen by a wide and diverse audience.

### 'Hidden Treasures'

Sacred & Profane presents "Hidden Treasures," Rarely Performed Works form the Choral Repertoire with Guitarist Simon Garfield and music by Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Byrd, Dowland, Olsson, Rautavaara, Schutz, Kodaly, Purcell, Brahms and Wolf in two performances. Friday's performance is at 8 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 397 Euclid Ave. in Oakland, (Corner of Euclid and Van Buren, near Lake Merritt). Sunday's performance is at Calvary Presbyterian Church 1940 Virginia St. 3 p.m. in Berkeley. Tickets: General Admission: \$14 and \$11 (advance purchase) seniors and students: \$12 and \$9 (advance purchase). Details: 524-3611.

### Concert of David Tudor works

The Music Department at Mills College, at 5000 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland, presents "Rainforest," a concert of innovative electronic masterworks by David Tudor, one of the most remarkable musicians of the late 20th-century, on Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tu-

dor's music is lovingly and authoritatively performed by D'Arcy Philip Gray and John D.S. Adams, with Mills College faculty, including John Bischoff, Maggi Payne, Chris Brown, and guests. Adams and Gray, Canadian musicians who worked with the composer, will present a program including Rainforest and Neural Network Plus. Admission: \$10 general/\$5 students and seniors. Details: 430-2296. Visitor parking on campus is free.

### Mary Baker Eddy and women's history

March is been National Women's History Month, and in celebration this March, Mary Baker Eddy — yes, the one known for Christian Science — and her book Science and Health will be featured in a forum at Barnes



### EARLINE SHOEMAKER

& Noble, 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley, on March 7 at 2 p.m. Healer and noted speaker Earline Shoemaker discusses Eddy and her writing. Mary Baker Eddy is an exemplar of 19th century feminism.

She founded the Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor, championed rights for all, and wrote Science and Health, which the Women's National Book Association named as one of "75 books by women whose words have changed the world" in 1992. Details: 644-0861.

### Ming Dynasty opera

American stage and opera director Peter Sellars joins forces with New York-based Chinese composer Tan Dun to stage a contemporary late Ming Dynasty masterpiece "Peony Pavilion," March 5, 6, 8 p.m. and

## Berkeley Symphony wine and food gala is Sunday

Narsai David will once again host the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra's 12th Annual Wine & Food Tasting on March 7, at the newly refurbished Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The afternoon promises to be a celebration of great wine, food, music and friends. In addition to the fabulous wines and sumptuous foods, patrons will be able to purchase one of the Symphony's auction packages, or win fabulous raffle items. Items for bid include wine country getaways, gift certificates from local restaurants and other Bay Area institutions.

Music will accompany the festivities.

The event's festive atmosphere and community-building spirit has brought back a majority of food and beverage purveyors from previous years. You can count on these favorites: Audubon Cellars, Barefoot Cellars, Blue Ribbon Catering, Bonny Doon Vineyard, Bucci's Restaurant, Chalone Wine Group, Cline Cellars, Fenestra Winery, Ficklin Vineyards, Good & Plenty Catering, Grigich Hills Cellar, Handley Cellars, Hotel Durant, Lava Cap Winery, Mangia Mangia, Pyramid Ales, Quady Winery, Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina. Riv-

oli Restaurant, Rosenblum Cellars, Santa Fe Bar & Grill, St. George Spirits, The Baltic and Whitford Cellars. Plus, the event has attracted fabulous newcomers like Aidells Sausage, Britt Marie's, Cafe de la Paz, Cafe Piper, Gotta Havit Desserts, Odwalla Juice for Humans and Salute Ristorante.

Those serving wine and food won't be the only familiar faces. Narsai David, a tireless community personality and world renowned culinary artist, once again supports the Orchestra as event host. Former owner of the popular Narsai's Restaurant, and author of the cook-

book "Monday Night at Narsai's," David also spends his evenings entertaining and distributing food and charities around town.

The event benefits the Symphony and its education and outreach programs.

Individual tickets are \$40 in advance, \$40 at the door. A "tron ticket" admits two to the Wine & Food Tasting, plus two to a private luncheon at Laidlaw's 10 where Narsai David will serve wine from his personal collection. Tickets and information: 845-4700.

## Lone Man

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ditional theatrical presentations, and "Ravenshead" is a prime example of that," said Tony Taccone in announcing the production. "Rinde Eckert and Paul Dresher are seminal artists in the Bay Area progressive music scene whose work is wonderfully dramatic and narrative-driven. Together with Steve Mackey, they represent a tradition of using music and theatre as an innovative tool to explore the stories of our time."

Composer Steve Mackey, featured as part of the San Francisco Symphony's "American Mavericks" series

of concerts, wrote String Theory for the Kronos Quartet, which made its world premiere with the SF Symphony in 1998.

His Lost & Found, conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas, was featured on the Opening Gala program for the SF Symphony's 1996-97 season. Librettist Rinde Eckert is a classically trained singer known for his remarkably flexible and inventive singing voice. A composer, actor, dancer and director, Mr. Eckert has performed in numerous multimedia theater pieces with the Paul Dresher Ensemble and the Margaret Jenkins Dance Company. He recently completed Romeo Sierra Tango, commissioned by New York's Public Theater as part of the New Works Festival.

Formed in 1984, the Paul Dresher Ensemble is known for its series of new operas "The American Trilogy," which includes Slow Fire, Power Failure and Pioneer. In 1993 Dresher formed the Electro-Acoustic Band, a chamber group that addresses the needs of contemporary composers both in its use of recent advances in music technology and its ability to perform music based in the classical tradition, rock & roll, jazz and world music.

Tickets for Ravenshead are priced between \$24.50 and \$35, depending on the day of the week (\$19.50 for Previews, \$12.25-\$14.75 for HotTix). Group discounts are also available, as well as student and senior half-price

"Rush" tickets. A limited number of half-price tickets — "HotTix" — are available for sale at noon at the Berkeley office Tuesday through Friday. For evening's performance, tickets will be purchased by the general public with cash only.

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March 7, 3 p.m., at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. The original "Peony Pavilion" opera, written by Tang Xianzu in 1598, contains 55 scenes and is considered the creative pinnacle of the Chinese Kun opera form.

A host of University-sponsored activities, including a symposium on Chinese kun opera and "Peony Pavilion," featuring opera star Madame Hua Wenyi, Sellars, and others, will be held Saturday, Feb. 27 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Wheeler Hall, — no tickets are required, and a pre-performance talk with Peter Sellars, free to Friday performance ticketholders, March 5 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall.

Three additional symposia on "Pe-

ony Pavilion" sponsored by the Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, are scheduled for Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7. In addition, Madame Hua Wenyi will lead a behind-the-scenes workshop on the making of "Peony Pavilion" Monday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Zellerbach Playhouse, and the Berkeley Art Museum is featuring "Dreams and Transformations in Late Ming china," an exhibit of 17th

century Chinese woodblock prints and scrolls depicting scenes from kun opera from mid February through June. 642-9988.

### Music at St. Alban's

On March 5 at 8 p.m., Music at St Alban's presents Ensemble Chalmereau (David Ross, chalmereau and baroque clarinet, David Barnett; chalmereau and Daniel Deitch, chalmereau and bassoon) with

Pamela Sebastian, soprano; bilate Strings and Katherine harpsichord, performing Telemann, Graupner, Joseph I of Austria and others.

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## Red Oak Gallery featuring new works

By Stacey Morrone  
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**BERKELEY** — Artist Robbin Légère Henderson will present an exhibit of her oil and water color paintings at the Red Oak Gallery inside Red Oak Realty, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

Known in the '70s and '80s for her bold installation work, over the past decade Henderson has turned her attention to the splendor of nature, and a more traditional approach.

The show will include selected works featuring landscape and closely observed plants as her subjects.

Henderson's work will be on display from Monday, March 22 through Friday, May 28.

Robbin Henderson has exhibited throughout the United States and Europe for more than 20 years, including exhibitions at The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; The San Francisco Art Institute; Mills College Art Gallery; Southern Exposure Gallery; Intersection for the Arts; The Mission Cultural Center; Fashion Moda, NY; The Alternative Museum, NY; Sculpture Now, NY; Neue



**PLUM BLOSSOMS**, oil on board, diptych, 48 " x 72".

Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin and Bologna Festival, Bologna, Italy.

Henderson is the executive director of the Berkeley Art Center. She has two grown children and lives in Berkeley.

During this exhibit, Henderson will donate a portion of her artwork proceeds to Red Oak's non-profit organization, Red Oak Opportunity Foundation.

ROOF provides funding assistance for dozens of deserving local charities which

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## 'Streamline staging' experts show off Glass-Sabine team draws scores to John Galen Howard site

By Ginny Hair  
ECHO COMMUNICATIONS

When John Galen Howard & Associates built 5321 Golden Gate Ave. in Oakland 74 years ago, it is likely no one dreamed that it would be creating excitement in 1999.

Famous for his Beaux-Arts buildings and his plan for the University of California Berkeley, Howard is known as a Bay Area craftsman-tradition pioneer.

Last week, his restored Spanish-style villa proved that good architectural "bones," when combined with innovative marketing savvy, will continue to have mass appeal.

Listing agents Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine, the Glass-Sabine team of Prudential California Realty, attracted a record crowd to view Howard's masterpiece: the showing drew more than 200 brokers to preview the property and more than 500 potential buyers at Sunday's open house.

Built in the Spanish Colonial Revival style, the house incorporates features of California's missions, including spacious gardens, rustic beamed ceilings, custom iron work and hardware. The house has



**5321 GOLDEN GATE AVE.** was marketed in 'spirit of art and beauty.'

been remodeled and restored to retain the original feeling of the period.

"It was our goal to market this property in the spirit of art and beauty," says Sabine. "This home is an architectural

masterpiece and it was our intention to honor it as such. We wanted the world to know that this property was available."

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**3987 RINCON** — Spacious Cont. - Flexible flr plan. LR w/beam ceilings, formal dining, den, 5BD/3.5BA. Au pair w/sep. ent. Decks, skylights, partial Bay views. Just listed. **ADRIANA GIACOMELLI...\$479,000**  
**4654 VIEW PLACE** — Craftsman Beauty - Original wood, remodeled country kitchen, landscaped yard, 2-car garage, Piedmont Avenue area, new foundation. **VICKY FAULK...\$269,000**

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**PIEDMONT PINES VIEW HOME**.....**\$364,000**  
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**NEAR THE LAKE**.....**\$267,000**  
Charming home with formal living and dining, gumwood, built-ins, hardwood floors and more. "As is" and trust sale. 2BD/1BA. **Dell Orr**

**3924 VINTAGE**.....**\$299,000**  
Beautiful oak floors, built-ins, formal dining, 3BD/2BA plus den. Pretty yard, big garage, basement, nice neighborhood. **Rachel Baller**

**PRICED TO SELL!**.....**\$129,000**  
Opportunity for 2BD home with au pair quarters downstairs. Cute Spanish-style home has fireplace, hardwood floors. **Joan Alford**

**TWO ADJACENT LOTS**.....**\$89,500**  
Great Piedmont Pines location. Survey and soils report available. Design, planning and tree removal approved. **Darcy Diamantine**

**CONDO**.....**\$83,000**  
One unit at back of building. Easy access to 580 FWY. Walk to Piedmont Ave. and Grand Ave. Secure parking, door and elevator system. **Marilyn Bremser**

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Magnificent Italian villa in a private Montclair setting. Beautifully crafted and luxuriously appointed Bay views. **Fritz Hochfellner**

**PIEDMONT CUTIE**.....**\$399,000**  
This 3BD/1.5BA home has a view and a yard! There is a formal dining room, fireplace, recreation room, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors. **Nancy Dickey**

**FABULOUS HILLER TOWNHOUSE**.....**\$389,000**  
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**COZY CABIN**.....**\$299,000**  
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**741 CERRITO**.....**ALBANY**.....**2+BR/2BA**.....**\$269,000**.....**KIM CLEVELAND**  
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**2416 TENTH ST.**.....**BERKELEY**.....**3BR/1BA**.....**\$225,000**.....**NACIO JAN BROWN**  
**5363 MANILA**.....**ROCKRIDGE**.....**DUPLEX**.....**\$329,000**.....**JERRY RATCH**  
**325 VERNON #305**.....**OAKLAND**.....**3BR/2BA**.....**\$180,000**.....**DIANE VERDUCCI**  
**954 VERMONT**.....**OAKLAND**.....**4-PLEX**.....**\$398,000**.....**DAKI VENETOULIS**  
**2557 GROVEVIEW**.....**RICHMOND/HILLTOP**.....**2BR/1.5BA**.....**\$140,000**.....**PAT BRENNAN**

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**CHARMING NORTHBRAE BUNGALOW**.....**\$365,000**  
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**MEDITERRANEAN LAKESHORE 4-PLEX**.....**\$398,000**  
Handsome 4-plex in popular neighborhood, a few blocks to the Grand Lake Theater. 2BR, 2BA penthouse plus 3 charming studios & 3 garages. Walk to shopping, restaurants & transportation.

**BERKELEY HILLS TAHOE STYLE CONTEMPORARY**.....**\$395,000**  
Gorgeous wooded, creek-side setting. Striking open floorplan with 2 loft-style bedrooms, 1 bath. Picture windows with some Golden Gate view, decks and 2-car garage. A must see!

**PRIME ROCKRIDGE DUPLEX**.....**\$329,000**  
JUST LISTED! Attractive duplex in prime location near College Ave. cafes, shops, BART & CCAC. 2BR Brown shingle in front, 1BR split-level apartment in rear. Needs some TLC.

**BERKELEY BUNGALOW**.....**\$295,000**  
JUST LISTED! Good location near shops & transit! 3+BR/1.25BA, well maintained. Garden is lovely w/connections for a hot tub. Deck. Potential for home office!

**ELEGANT TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY BERKELEY VICTORIAN**.....**\$279,000**  
JUST LISTED! A rare find! Gorgeous inside and out, on a large, fully fenced lot with beautiful gardens. 2+BR/1+BA plus additional space downstairs for office or...? Near transportation and 4th Street shops and restaurants. Enclosed carport. A MUST SEE!

**POPULAR WESTBRAE**.....**\$275,000**  
Large lot completely fenced! 3BR/1BA home. Plenty of rm for cars to park. New kitchen & bath. Laundry. Patio & lawn. Walk to Jimmy Bean & Toot Sweets!

**CENTRALLY LOCATED IN BERKELEY**.....**\$269,000**  
JUST LISTED! Walk to 2 BART stations, downtown Berkeley & UC! Remodeled kitchen with plenty of space, hwdw flrs, fireplace, 3BR/1BA. Extra large garage with room for workshop.

**IDEAL ALBANY HILL VIEW HOME**.....**\$269,000**  
JUST LISTED! Bright, sunny & clean home with views of the City, in mint condition. 2BR/1BA up, bonus room, 1 bath down (possible master suite?). Walk to schools, shops and transportation.

**CUTE ALBANY MACGREGOR**.....**\$239,000**  
JUST LISTED! Darling 2 bedroom with formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace and garage. Lovely yard with lemon trees, pine trees, rose arbor and loads of sunshine.

**CONTRACTOR'S SPECIAL IN ALBANY**.....**\$199,900**  
JUST LISTED! Very large level lot, approx. 5600 sq. ft! New roof, some electrical upgrading, orig. hardwood floors throughout. 2BR/1BA. Convenient to schools, shops, transportation.

**FOR PEOPLE ON THE GO!**.....**\$180,000**  
JUST LISTED! Beautiful 3BR/2BA. Oakland condo w/ master suite. Lots of light and decks, near shops, theater and downtown. Upgraded fireplace, mantel adds special charm. Secure parking with lots of storage.

**SPARKLING HILLTOP TOWNHOUSE**.....**\$140,000**  
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## Build portfolio plan first

Follow steps to meet your goals

### Money matters

By Leila Gough

Before building a custom home, you probably would consult an architect first who would develop a blueprint base on your family's needs, budget and an architectural style.

The same can be expected when you begin to build an investment portfolio.

The need for a blueprint is essential: Investing at random in different investment products without direction could keep you from realizing your financial goals.

#### Determine your needs

To get started, determine why you need to invest, including both short and long-term investment goals.

For example, you may want to eliminate debt and simultaneously plan for your children's college education. You may wish to supplement your current income with additional income, find ways to lessen the impact of taxes on your investments, save for a dream vacation, invest for your retirement years or build an estate for heirs.

Next, estimate the amount of money it will take to attain each of these goals. An investment professional can help you factor in the effect of inflation on the amount you need to save.

#### Assess your risk tolerance

What kind of risk are you willing to take to make money on your investments? Knowing your risk tolerance will help you and your investment professional determine what type of investments should make up your investment portfolio.

Consider these questions:

• Which is more important to you, doubling your money in an up market or not losing money in a down market?

• Can you accept the possibility of a temporary loss in the value of your portfolio?

• Do you feel comfortable taking some risk, knowing that the return on aggressive investments can be higher? (And are you comfortable knowing that you could lose more on aggressive investments?)

• Are you content with lower returns from your investments, knowing that the principal value of your investment is more stable than other alternatives?

Your answers to these questions will help you better understand the degree of risk you are willing to take when investing and give your investment professional the necessary guidance to tailor a portfolio to your personality.

#### Consider your time horizon

When will you need the money? This question has far-reaching implications. Your time horizon could determine the level of risk needed to reach your goals.

For example, if you are a conservative investor but conservative investments are not likely to provide the amount of money needed in the time frame you specified, you may want to consider a more aggressive investing strategy or adjust your time frame.

Establishing an investment plan is an essential building block to constructing your portfolio. Once this plan is in place, you and your investment professional can better select investments designed to meet your needs.

Leila Gough is an Associate Vice President with A.G. Edwards in Oakland. She can be reached at (510) 237-8851. A.G. or visit [www.agedwards.com](http://www.agedwards.com).

## The GRUBB Co. lands slot in Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate

By Emily Burns

WHO'S WHO IN LUXURY REAL ESTATE STAFF

SEATTLE — "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate" is pleased to announce the inclusion of The GRUBB Co. Inc. in the 1999 directory of the finest real estate brokerage houses in the world. The GRUBB Co. was selected to represent Oakland and Piedmont at the invitation of the publisher, John Brian Losh.

Mr. Losh searches for firms and individuals who have a reputation for exceptional knowledge and expertise in the marketing of in-city mansions, estates, waterfront retreats, gentlemen's

ranches and farms, resort properties and the finest residences in the world.

More than 3000 of the world's finest properties for sale can be viewed on the "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate" Web site — [luxury-realestate.com](http://luxury-realestate.com) — which is the largest real estate Web site expressly dedicated to luxury properties.

Representing firms from more than 25 countries and nearly every state in the U.S., the "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate" Web site features well over \$3 billion in properties on-line, with an average price of \$1 million.

"Despite the ever-increasing presence of Realtors with assembly-line

methods, the GRUBB Co. stands out as an exceptional boutique broker consistently practicing the highest level of personal and ethical service, particularly in the complex area of marketing luxury properties," said Mr. Losh.

"I am confident that doing business with The GRUBB Co. will be a rewarding experience."

Hardbound editions of the 1999 volume are available by calling The GRUBB Co. at (510) 339-0400 ext. 2410 or by writing "Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate", 2110 Western Ave., Seattle, Washington, 98121.

## The GRUBB Co., The Highland Group join forces in e-commerce partnership

By Susan Kline

THE GRUBB CO.

The GRUBB Co. is pleased to announce a new partnership with The Highland Group, a residential property management and leasing company with national relocation services and clientele.

Donald Woolhouse and Donald Grubb Jr., owners of The GRUBB Co., say this new venture will serve the growing needs of their local customers and the ever-increasing corporate relocation marketplace.

Adam Betta, president of The Highland Group, has been an effective broker in the Bay Area since 1987. Betta's family has owned and operated a property management company in Oakland for more than 25 years.

"With the combination of exceptional skills and experience, The Highland Group will complement The GRUBB Co.'s existing market share, goodwill and excellent man-

agement structure," Betta said.

"As we strengthen our position in the marketplace, the expanded services are essential to our clientele" according to Woolhouse.

Betta's partner, Deborah Morgan, is professionally skilled in all aspects of residential property management. Both Betta and Morgan are local residents and their connection to the local community and in-depth knowledge of the services and amenities offered by the San Francisco Bay Area are valuable assets to The Highland Group.

Donald Grubb Jr. is enthusiastic. "With the aggressive marketing of our Web site ([www.GRUBBCo.com](http://www.GRUBBCo.com)), linked to The Highland Group ([www.hilandgroup.com](http://www.hilandgroup.com)), this partnership will further strengthen our services and position in the marketplace," Grubb said.

The GRUBB Co. is the known leader in luxury residential real estate. The synergy of the relationship between The Highland Group and

The GRUBB Co. is based on a blending of property management and relocation, backed by the experience of a company who is in the technological forefront of the marketplace.

The Highland Group looks forward to the opportunity to nurture existing relationships with corporate and national relocation companies while offering new services to the existing client base offered by The GRUBB Co.

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**2066 OAKLAND AVENUE** NEW LISTING \$765,000  
An exceptionally charming home offering 3 bdrms, hwdw flrs and a lovely book-filled library. Enjoy the new gourmet kitchen and peaceful garden. This home is a gem! ANIAN TUNNEY

**146 CAPERTON AVENUE** NEW LISTING \$849,000  
Charming, light-filled, updated Traditional Level 1.5 bdrms on main, spacious family room down with 5th flr home office. Gleaming hwdw floors. CONNIE B.

### Oakland - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

**1269 GRAND VIEW DR.** NEW LISTING \$1,095,000  
This home was designed to be a welcoming retreat w/ handcrafted accents throughout. Embraced by a spectacular SF view, w/4+ bdrms/4 1/2 ba. D. WOOLHOUSE & K. BUCHHOLZ

**6120 MAZUELA DRIVE** \$990,000  
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**78 STRATHMOOR DRIVE** \$749,000  
This new home is a work of art with soft Tuscan plaster interior, handcrafted doors & ironwork. A luxurious bath & fireplace in master suite. DEBRA DRYDEN

**4305 SAINT CLOUD CT.** NEW PRICE \$479,000  
Lovely Ridgmont Contemporary w/4 bdrms/3 ba. Living rm w/fireplace, modern eat-in kitch, spacious living and large bonus room with built-ins. NANCY L.

**6015 HILLEGASS AVE.** NEW LISTING \$479,000  
Wonderful Craftsman in a great location w/orig w/wood throughout. Dining rm w/charming built-in box bench. Close to BART & all amenities. JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY

**4439 TERRABELLA WAY** NEW LISTING \$529,000  
Original tri-level 3 bdrm/2+ bath model w/breakfast & bridge views. Spacious formal dining room w/kitchen, family room & 2 decks. ANGELA WEI GRUBB

**4614 REDWOOD ROAD** NEW LISTING \$549,000  
Leona Park Villas. 3 bdrms/2 1/2 ba Spanish Mediterranean w/level flagstone patio, elegant master bedroom with jacuzzi tub. Wooded view. MAVIS DEAN

**6701 BANNING DRIVE** NEW LISTING \$529,000  
Secluded Carmel charm w/3 bdrms, 2 ba & gorgeous view. Partially finished bonus room on lower floor. B. BATES

**1 KINGWOOD ROAD** NEW LISTING \$529,000  
Well maintained 8 yr old 2 story Traditional home w/3 bdrms/2 1/2 bath w/modern kitch/fam room, master bedroom, deck & spa. SHERRY BENNETT

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**MONTCLAIR STYLE** \$459,000  
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**LUXURY ON THE LAKE** \$549,000  
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**UNIQUE CONDO** \$159,500  
Unique Mediterranean style condo. Lush environment w/ waterfalls & bridges. 2 bdrm/2 ba. Hill views. A. WEI GRUBB

**A LITTLE GEM IN KENSINGTON** \$249,000  
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### SPECTACULAR GOLDEN GATE VIEW!.....\$265,000

This wonderful and cherished one owner home is located within easy walking distance to "Fatapple's," shops and BART. 2BR/1.5BA, LR w/sep. dining area and sliding drs to a wonderful and private deck w/views. 2-car gar w/winter access. Ample storage throughout. 617 Balra Drive, El Cerrito. Mary Gray 527-9111, 559-2939



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### BEAUTIFUL MEDITERRANEAN.....\$250,000

2BR home in sought after and convenient location. Huge potential for improvement. LR w/fireplace and attractive arched window w/lovely views. Lower level bonus rooms and attached garage. Large landscaped corner lot w/lovely shrubs and trees. 756 Balra Dr., El Cerrito. Mary Gray 527-9111, 559-2939

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# Calendar of events

We accept event announcements on a space-available basis. Fax list-ings to this section to (510) 339-4066 or 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94608. Notices must arrive at our office no later than one week prior to the event date.

## Thursday, March 4

Attorney Steven Elias discusses recent book, "Contractor's and Homeowner's Guide to Mechanics' Lien." Builder's Booksources, 7 p.m.; 171 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call (510) 863-8774.

## Friday, March 5

Woman to Woman: Finding the way to buying your own home. Learn about investigating your best

neighborhoods, setting priorities, teaming with industry professionals and the buying process in general.

Sponsored by Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage. Call (510) 718-2134.

Lead-safe home renovation seminar, Truitt and White Lumber Company, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For those concerned about lead hazards in the home, this seminar will help you identify and remedy those hazards.

Participants who own property in Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville or Oakland will receive a free lead-safe painting starter kit. Presented by the Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Reservations required: Call (510) 649-2674.

## Thursday, March 18

The California chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at 3:30 p.m. at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Ruben Gusman, Satoshi azalea specialist, will present slides on azaleas for bonsai. Call (510) 222-9666.

## Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28

The Golden Gate Cymbidium

Society's 10th Annual Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, March 27th and Sunday, March 28th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; free; Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland's Lakeside Park.

The show will include Cymbidium Society of America judging, orchid raffles and potting demonstrations. Call (510) 893-8478 for details.

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**6015 Hillegass Avenue, Oakland**

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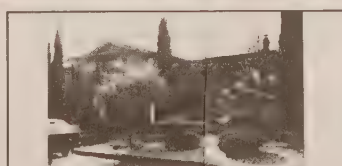
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A lot of energy and emotional commitment is required to make an offer to buy a home. If you end up in a bid-

### Real estate forum

By Dian Hymer

ding war with other buyers, and you lose, it's natural to feel disappointed. If you're out-bid, don't let disappointment and frustration lead you astray. Try to view the situation as a learning experience and continue on with your search.

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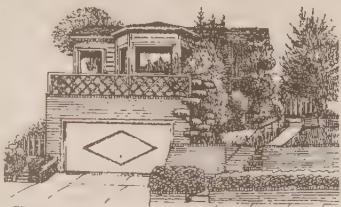
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# 'As is' sale can get you more than you bargained for

## Firm foundation

By Don Pearman

caller. In buying her first house, she fell in love with the cute three-bedroom bungalow which the owner was selling "as is," and which the real estate agent assured her was a great bargain.

She fell in love with the 1930s tile fireplace, the glossy hardwood floors and the quaint remodeled kitchen. She was "blinded" by how cute the house was.

Not being an expert, and not having the advice of one, she could not see the many problems that lay in wait.

In buying the house "as is," she accepted the seller's termite report and saved the money that was recommended for repairs, believing that the cost of the house had been re-

duced enough to allow her to do the work later.

This is not a bad idea if termite report is competent and thorough and defines all the work to be done.

However, her termite company typically doesn't find much when it inspects and doesn't recommend much repair.

Consequently, after a second termite inspection and report ordered after she had already bought the house, she learned that she had gotten stuck with a house with a lot of decay not called out by the original termite report.

She also hadn't gotten a general inspection, instead relying on a real

estate friend's advice that the sloping floor at the rear of the house was just "normal settling."

The truth of the matter is that the foundation was rotting and causing the rear wall to kick out from under the house. Moreover, the doors and windows were sticking and the plaster was cracking.

There also had been substantial flooding in the basement, continuing unabated each time the rains came.

Without the proper inspection, this home buyer got a lot less than she thought she was getting structurally, and a lot more than she anticipated for repair.

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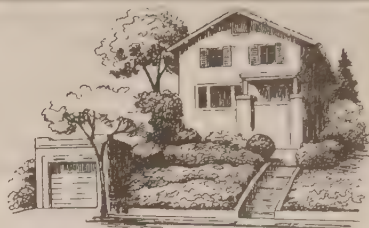
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# Moving thoughts

#272 in a series of true experiences in real estate

I was on the phone recently with a woman who wants to buy a larger house. In the background I could hear one of her children: "I'm not moving," the child said, with some feeling. "I'm staying here."

Another mother sighed as she told us what happened when she took her 6-year-old to see the wonderful house she was going to buy.

Excited about showing it off, especially the playhouse in the back yard, she couldn't believe her daughter's reaction: "This is a dumb house. Let's go home."

And the playhouse? "It's not big enough," according to the little girl.

We heard about a 2-year-old who said in the midst of moving, "OK, mommy, this is your house. I want to go back to my house."

Kids like things the way they are. Seldom do they understand their parents' motive for things such as moving: "It'll be better for the kids."

Parents stretch time and money to get better schools, a bedroom for

## True experiences

By Tarpoff and Talbert

everyone and a big yard. "Look, Jeannie," they enthuse, "You'll have your own bedroom and a swing in the back yard, too."

Jeannie answers, "I don't care. I like our old house."

This week, I was talking to the mother of teenagers who moved from Berkeley to Marin two years ago. The kids are doing fine now, she told me. The older child, an optimist, seemed to take moving in his stride.

He made new friends right away.

It was a different experience for his younger brother who, according to their mother, "doesn't like change."

He missed his friends, his old school, his regular routine. He went to his new school every day but did not socialize. Other kids would invite him to go places, attend parties, but for a year after the move, he refused. It wasn't until he joined a soccer team and became involved in team activities

that he became comfortable with his new surroundings.

Once we helped a single mom sell her charming old house in Oakland and buy a smaller, less appealing house in Albany, a town she had chosen for the schools. Her boys, ages about 5 and 9 at the time, weren't happy about the anticipated move. The older boy's best friend lived a couple of doors away and they were devastated at the thought of being separated.

Our client, overwhelmed with getting a house ready for sale, packing and looking for a new house while continuing to work and parent, still managed to find the time to search for a rental in Albany for her son's friend and his mother.

She knew how valuable her son's friendship was and she knew how much easier it would be for him to weather the change with his friend still near.

We liked and respected this woman very much. She set her goals, then did what had to be done to accomplish them. And she helped her children through the transition in every way she could.

My own children were 6 and 7 when we bought our house. A few

weeks before the move, I wrote in my journal that Nick, my oldest, "is particularly pleased about moving." He talked about having his own room with his things in it. He wanted to know what color his walls would be painted and he asked if he could have bunk beds so friends could stay overnight.

When my daughter Annie said she'd be scared sleeping in her new room alone, Nick told her not to worry: "You'll be halfway between my room and mom's. Besides, you'll have two bathrooms to choose from."

The first night in our house the children were tucked into their new beds in their own rooms. Half an hour went by quietly. Then Nick got up and asked Annie if she'd sleep in his room. She hurried in.

For months after that there were few nights when any of us had uninterrupted sleep. One of the kids would wake up saying, "I can't sleep alone." I'd cajole, threaten and offer sympathy but it went on.

I wrote down one pre-bedtime plea: "If I get scared out of my day-lights, really scared in the night, and I get up and hear the cats under the house and it's really an emergency,

can I sleep on your bedroom floor?"

Because I will do almost anything for sleep in the middle of the night, there were a number of times that both kids slept by my bedside.

Having the house torn up was unsettling for me, but maybe more so for the kids. One day Nick asked me if we were going to "destroy the rest of the house." I laughed just a little and asked if he thought that was what we were doing.

"Yeah," he said, "The front porch is already gone and you've wrecked the kitchen. I guess the bedrooms are next."

One morning Nick got up full of a nightmare he'd had. The details were long and full of blood and gore. Annie and I squirmed as we listened until the end. He finished the story with "Then I got to go home." And Annie, my optimistic one, added brightly, "Well, a happy ending."

An occasional nightmare was not the only sign of stress in my children as we remodeled and they started a new school. But was the stress from

moving? Some of what we hear from each of them must have been a reflection of who they are.

For most of us, change is difficult. Before we moved, I thought if I should double the housing costs, take on a project, send my children to school, I wondered if it would outweigh the costs.

I certainly hoped they would believe now that they did.

But even now — almost years later — Annie says she'd like to go back to her house. She grouches that a house without an upgrade she buys a house, she's going to have two stories — she should.

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10000 Balboa Ct. - \$243,000  
 10000 Bonister Wy. - \$230,000  
 10000 Briggs Ave. #6 - \$187,000  
 10000 Brown St. - \$285,000  
 10000 Buena Vista Ave. - \$140,000  
 10000 Cambridge Dr. - \$400,000  
 10000 Central Ave. #18 - \$150,000  
 10000 Crist St. - \$248,000  
 10000 Cumberland Ct. - \$450,000  
 10000 Eagle Ave. - \$215,000  
 10000 Encinal Ave. - \$150,000  
 10000 Hawthorne St. - \$485,000  
 10000 Lincoln Ave. - \$245,000  
 10000 Lincourt Dr. - \$177,000  
 10000 Marina Dr. - \$490,000  
 10000 Morton St. #R - \$75,000  
 10000 Parfait Ln. - \$298,000  
 10000 Versailles Ave. - \$214,500  
 10000 Webster St. #214 - \$132,000  
 10000 Webster St. #D213 - \$102,000

## SAN LEANDRO

10000 Pierce St. #4312 - \$186,000  
 10000 Sonoma Ave. - \$334,000

## OAKLAND

10000 10th St. - \$130,000  
 10000 Alcatraz Ave. - \$139,500  
 10000 Alcatraz Ave. - \$515,000  
 10000 Allston Wy. - \$220,000  
 10000 Belvedere Ave. - \$285,000  
 10000 Bret Hart Rd. - \$390,000  
 10000 Cedar St. - \$120,000  
 10000 Channing Wy. - \$232,000  
 10000 Hearst Ave. - \$175,000  
 10000 McGee Ave. - \$372,000  
 10000 Montrose Rd. - \$644,500  
 10000 Oregon St. - \$255,000  
 10000 Wheeler St. - \$245,000

## EL CERRITO

10000 Alva Ave. - \$341,000  
 10000 Contra Costa Dr. - \$192,000  
 10000 Liberty St. - \$159,000  
 10000 MacDonald Ave. - \$229,000  
 10000 Stockton Ave. - \$252,000  
 10000 Tamalpais Ave. - \$239,000

## EL SOBRANTE

10000 Monte Verde - \$120,000

## SAN LEANDRO

10000 105th Ave. - \$136,000  
 10000 15th St. - \$185,000  
 10000 17th Ave. - \$125,000  
 10000 23rd Ave. - \$60,000  
 10000 31st St. - \$140,000  
 10000 35th Ave. - \$195,000  
 10000 39th Ave. - \$145,000  
 10000 69th Ave. - \$120,000  
 10000 8th St. - \$160,000  
 10000 78th Ave. - \$110,000  
 10000 80th Ave. - \$128,500  
 10000 96th Ave. - \$124,000  
 10000 Admiral Dr. #365 - \$87,500  
 10000 Aileen St. - \$275,000  
 10000 Allendale Ave. - \$150,000  
 10000 Ardley Ave. - \$220,000  
 10000 Ardley Ave. - \$275,000  
 10000 Arlington Ave. - \$160,000  
 10000 Atlas Ave. - \$244,000  
 10000 Bellevue Ave. #2207 - \$290,000  
 10000 Brookdale Ave. - \$110,000  
 10000 Caldecott Ln. #140 - \$157,500  
 10000 Caldecott Ln. #382 - \$211,000  
 10000 Canon Ave. - \$245,000  
 10000 Carlston Ave. - \$415,000  
 10000 Carson St. - \$203,000  
 10000 Chinnery Rock - \$229,000  
 10000 Coolidge Ave. - \$230,500  
 10000 D St. - \$79,000  
 10000 Delaware St. - \$163,000  
 10000 Detroit Ave. - \$235,000  
 10000 East 34th St. - \$138,000  
 10000 Elysian Fields Dr. - \$339,000  
 10000 Embarradero #126 - \$60,000  
 10000 Empire Rd. - \$70,000  
 10000 Foothill Blvd. - \$94,500  
 10000 Forest St. - \$269,000  
 10000 Frances St. #9 - \$74,000  
 10000 Fruitvale Ave. - \$142,500  
 10000 Golf Links Rd. - \$152,000  
 10000 Grand Ave. #1385 - \$107,500  
 10000 Green Ave. - \$197,000  
 10000 Greenwood Ave. - \$248,000  
 10000 Holly St. - \$123,000  
 10000 Iris St. - \$110,000  
 10000 Laguna Ave. - \$210,000  
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4208 Lusk St. - \$99,500  
 260 Marlow Dr. - \$232,000  
 3903 Mera St. - \$130,000  
 3506 Midvale Ave. - \$267,000  
 5261 Miles Ave. - \$305,000  
 245 Montecito Ave. #14 - \$159,000  
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 13200 Skyline Blvd. - \$435,000  
 8495 Skyline Blvd. - \$314,000  
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 10801 Sunnyside St. - \$168,000  
 5324 Walnut St. - \$86,000

## RICHMOND

2982 13th St. - \$110,000  
 2830 21st St. #15 - \$66,500  
 273 Bishop Ave. - \$375,000  
 2930 Chevy Wy. - \$122,000  
 3418 Clearfield Ave. - \$165,000  
 5521 Clinton Ave. - \$165,000  
 4814 Cutting Blvd. - \$110,000  
 2340 Cypress Ave. - \$170,000  
 460 Dimm St. - \$99,000  
 1323 Emeric Ave. - \$149,000  
 2706 Florida Ave. - \$82,000  
 3819 Garvin Ave. - \$175,000  
 2903 Gilma Dr. - \$155,000  
 1336 Greenway Dr. - \$200,000  
 6510 Hazel Ave. - \$255,500  
 6635 Kensington Ave. - \$278,000  
 2427 Maricopa Ave. - \$130,000  
 543 Mt. St. - \$215,000  
 3026 O'Brien Rd. - \$160,000  
 1502 Palm Ave. - \$115,000  
 114 Park Ln. - \$92,500  
 601 Pennsylvania Ave. - \$99,000  
 1308 Santa Clara St. - \$110,000  
 3145 Shane Dr. - \$95,000  
 694 South 8th St. - \$75,000  
 52 Southwind Cl. - \$268,000  
 4953 Wagon Wheel Wy. - \$298,000

## SAN LEANDRO

577 Broadmoor Blvd. - \$222,000  
 216 California Ave. - \$162,000  
 1400 Carpenter St. #207 - \$134,000  
 15219 Central Ave. - \$190,000  
 15019 Crosby St. - \$240,000

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■ ALAMEDA  
 TOTAL SALES: 20  
 LOWEST SALES: \$75,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$490,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$245,825

■ ALBANY  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST SALES: \$186,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$334,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$260,000

■ BERKELEY  
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 LOWEST SALES: \$120,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$644,500  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$286,384

■ EL CERRITO  
 TOTAL SALES: 6  
 LOWEST SALES: \$159,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$341,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$235,333

■ EL SOBRANTE  
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LOWEST SALES: \$120,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$120,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$120,000

■ OAKLAND  
 TOTAL SALES: 68  
 LOWEST SALES: \$60,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$452,500  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$183,610

■ RICHMOND  
 TOTAL SALES: 27  
 LOWEST SALES: \$66,500  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$375,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$160,537

■ SAN LEANDRO  
 TOTAL SALES: 33  
 LOWEST SALES: \$85,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$405,000  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$213,893

■ SAN LORENZO  
 TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST SALES: \$127,000  
 HIGHEST SALES: \$187,500  
 AVERAGE SALES: \$157,250

15033 Dewey St. - \$181,000  
 445 Dolores Ave. - \$185,000  
 966 Dolores Ave. - \$188,500  
 422 Dutton Ave. - \$178,000  
 15329 Elvina Dr. - \$190,000  
 15167 Endicott St. - \$235,000  
 2478 Fairway Dr. - \$162,000  
 1529 Gilmore Dr. - \$175,000  
 1663 Hubbard Ave. - \$240,000  
 2349 Jamaica Wy. - \$192,000  
 2807 Marina Blvd. - \$196,000  
 14782 Martell Ave. - \$252,000  
 450 Mitchell Ave. - \$222,000  
 12903 Neptune Dr. - \$405,000  
 2201 Oceanside Wy. - \$317,000  
 2212 Oceanside Wy. - \$347,000  
 14372 Outrigger Dr. #48 - \$165,500  
 16879 Robey Dr. - \$237,000  
 2011 Royal Wings Wy. - \$344,000  
 2013 Royal Wings Wy. - \$370,000  
 1958 Sundberg Ave. - \$188,500  
 155 Sunnyside Dr. - \$205,000  
 815 Thornton St. - \$100,000  
 2077 Washington Ave. #203 - \$85,000

15945 Wellington Wy. - \$165,000  
 2105 West Ave. 134th - \$180,000  
 285 Williams St. - \$165,000  
 15901 Windsor Dr. - \$240,000

## SAN LORENZO

1402 Culver Pl. - \$127,000  
 16041 Paseo Del Campo - \$187,500

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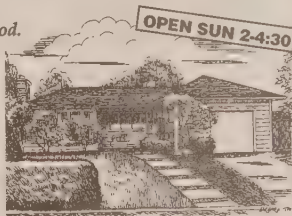
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Glass echoes Sabine's philosophy by adding, "We believe that by being selective in what we do, whether that means adding a few touches or putting some furniture in storage, that the true essence of the home will come through. Our work is meant to ultimately spotlight the true beauty of the home."

For the Howard open house, the

"This open house in particular," added Glass, "really attracted a crowd who appreciated the architecture and magic of the gardens."

pair hired a classical guitarist to go with the spirit of the home from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Glass and Sabine often hire local musicians to add what they consider a "festive mood" to their Sunday open houses. The public in turn, feels uplifted and delighted, according to Sabine, because of this thoughtful environment.

"This open house in particular," added Glass, "really attracted a crowd who appreciated the architecture and magic of the gardens."

Honored by the California Association of Realtors, the two recently participated in the Association's Top Producer Panel and continue to boast annual home sales that rank in the top 1% with Prudential world-wide.

The two turned the real estate industry (at times infamous for its competitive nature among agents) on its head and formed a partnership three years ago. The Glass-Sabine team is now a model that several real estate professionals at Prudential have adopted.

Glass and Sabine have backgrounds in art and interior design. Glass has an MBA in marketing and is a member of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Sabine is a graduate of the Sogetsu Ikebana School of Tokyo. They both recognize the value of Feng-Shui, regularly incorporating these holistic principles into their projects.

# Bid

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foreseeable future. It helps to find an ethical agent who can guide you through the home-buying process.

You want an agent who can provide a voice of reason when you're feeling like you're on an emotional roller coaster: An honest agent will talk you out of buying the wrong house.

Recently a couple lost out after multiple offers on a home in Piedmont. They were feeling low until another home came on the market for \$60,000 less than the one they had bid on.

The new listing was charming and the low price was appealing. The couple was on the verge of making an offer when their agent talked them out of it.

The house, while enchanting, was too small for this family's long-term needs. It also lacked a usable yard which had been a high priority for them.

Not long after they passed on this listing, they found the right house and were the successful bidders in a multiple offer competition.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair / Piedmont office and author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," revised 1998, Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

# As-is

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house and made a decision based not on "cuteness," but on a combination of cuteness and structural soundness.

The buyer may have legal recourse in this "done deal," but it will be extremely difficult and expensive to pursue through the courts.

It is much easier to walk away from a defective house when the problems are spelled out than it is to recover from the shock of repair bills.

In a similar situation, I know of homeowners who are four years into a lawsuit with no recovery of money in sight and a good chance that there may never be a recovery.

The adage, "let the buyer beware" still holds true for home purchases no matter what the age of the house.

It is critical to get the proper tradesperson to assess the condition of the house and provide a comprehensive and understandable report to assist you in making a final decision about your purchase.

It's your money, and probably a lot of it. Do yourself a favor and be careful not to buy unwanted problems when buying a property "as is."

Don Pearman is a contractor and author of "The Termite Report: How to Save Your Home from Pests, Rot and Earthquakes." Address questions to 2001 Hoover Ave., Oakland, CA 94602. Phone: (510) 530-9444 Fax: (510) 530-9455.

# State has publication you need

The State Department of Real Estate Web site (dre.cahwnet.gov) will show you how to get top sellers "Real Estate Law" (698 pages), which is updated annually and costs \$20, and "Reference Book: a Real Estate Guide" (651 pages) also \$20 and recently revised.

The department also puts out brochures, manuals and booklets useful for licensees as well as the general public.

-By Howard Moss

# Show

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do not receive significant funding from other sources. To view or purchase these beautiful paintings, visit the Red Oak Gallery, Monday through Saturday 10 am to 4 p.m. A public reception is scheduled for Friday, March 26th from 6 to 8 p.m. where you will be able to meet the artist. For more information, please call (510) 527-3387.

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## HCV Pacific acquires 24 luxury homesites

By Rebecca Hubbell  
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HCV Pacific Partners, a San Francisco-based real estate development company, has announced the acquisition of 24 luxury homesites off Healdsburg Avenue in Healdsburg.

The lots are located on a prime site of approximately 20 acres across from the Simi Winery.

HCV plans to build 24 estate homes, ranging in size from approximately 2,800 to 3,400 square feet on lots that are approximately one-third to one-and-a-half acres.

Construction of The Estates at Parkland is expected to commence soon and a sales information center will be opened in April.

HCV Pacific Partners is well-known and respected for its high quality designs and construction.

The company's most recent residential development, Madera del Presidio in Corte Madera, was the number-one selling new home community in Marin County for the last three years.

The HCV management team has also been responsible for the success of many other notable properties, including Rincon Center and Golden Gateway Commons in San Francisco, the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sacramento and The Resort at Squaw Creek.

For more information on HCV Pacific Partners' new luxury home development, The Estates at Parkland, in Healdsburg, call (415) 924-8555 or visit HCV's Web site at [www.hcvpartners.com](http://www.hcvpartners.com).

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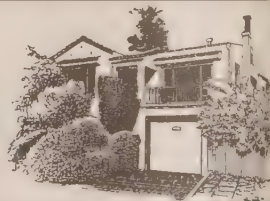
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THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY Mazda Miata MX-5 roadster.

## Mazda brings MX-5 back for encore

By Marion Wechter

**NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE**  
**CARLSBAD** — The MX-5 Miata roadster returns from its debut at the 1989 Chicago Auto Show with a 10th anniversary edition model that surpasses any of its previous limited editions.

This special edition roadster provides

a more refined interior and exterior. Best of all, the gearbox, which is most of the fun of driving the Miata, now goes to six speeds from a five-speed transmission.

Miata is well known for its close ratio shift pattern. The new six-speed allows for quicker acceleration with less noise and the pleasure of changing gears

is never diminished.

Die-hard Miata owners will agree that nothing has been compromised with the addition of the six-speed transmission.

In fact, it takes the driving experience to a new level.

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## Pull up to tax season prepared to save

Careful records can help you claim your car expenses as a business deduction

By Jan Zobel, EA

Good recordkeeping is the key to deducting car expenses on your tax return. For maximum tax savings, you need to know how many total miles you've driven during the year, and how many of those miles were for business.

Each January 1, write down your car's odometer reading and you'll know the total mileage for the year. Calculating the number of miles driven for business miles is not as easy.

If you have a deductible office-at-home, you can begin counting your business miles when you leave your home and travel to another business location. If you don't have a home office, the trip to and from home is non-deductible commuting.

To reduce commuting miles, consider opening a business post office box near your home or buying from a nearby supplier. From home to that stop will still be commuting, but from that point on, your business mileage will be deductible.

Ideally, you'll keep a log or notebook in your car in which you write down either the beginning and ending odometer reading for each business trip, or note how many business miles you drive each

day. In either case, also note what business locations you visited.

Although it's easy to do once you get into the habit, many people don't want to be bothered keeping a car log. If you're one of those people, see if one of the following methods works better for you:

■ Note in your appointment book how many business miles you drive each day.

■ If you go on the same route or to the same location regularly, measure the distance once and count the number of times you make the trip during the year.

■ If you use your vehicle primarily for business, instead of keeping track of the business miles, keep track of the number of personal miles you drive.

■ If your business driving is similar throughout the year, keep detailed records for one month of each quarter or for one week of each month and project your annual business mileage from those figures.

Once you know the total number of miles the car was driven for the year and how many of those were for business, there are two possible ways of deducting your car expenses.

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# Avoid sun's deadly influence by changing your direction

It's worse in the winter. During the months when the sun rises late and sets early, more cars are on the move at the times when the horizon is aglare with the overwhelming orange brilliance of the sun.

Drivers heading east in the morning and west in the evening are at the mercy of piercing rays coming through the windshield directly into their eyes. Since the sun's attack at those hours is directly horizontal to the path of travel, the dazzle strikes below any sun visor reach. It's brutal. And dangerous.

Recently near Albuquerque, a semi overran a van and a car that the truck driver said were invisible in the sun's glare. Two teenagers died.

What can you do to lessen the effect of the blazing sun when it lies on the earth's horizon? The glib an-

## Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

swer is to avoid driving at such times. Or take only roads running north and south. But don't dismiss such thoughts too readily. If you can delay driving at the time when the sun is at its worst, do so. Fill up your tank. Have a latte and read the paper. And rethink your usual routes. Scout alternatives that might lessen your exposure to the sun at those critical hours.

Roads that run along in the lee of hills might provide a haven. Evergreens make good shade, but deciduous trees are not much help in the winter. The substitute routes may be longer, but weigh that against the in-

creased danger of driving into or out of a low riding sun.

Anyway, it's just a temporary shift in routine. The sun will soon be higher in the sky when you are going to and from work. As for coping with the sun's onslaught, there is precious little a driver can do.

Even the usually resourceful AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety could offer no better solution than "a really good pair of sunglasses."

Indeed, sunglasses are a help. Make sure that they are dark enough to really knock down the rays' intensity and that they have polarized lenses. Only polarized lenses can kill the secondary glare bouncing off the hood.

Besides finding a different path and using sunglasses, here are some other suggestions for increasing your safety in the presence of a fireball

on the horizon.

## Clean your windshield

Wash both the inside and the outside. The inside can be fogged by residue from smoke, or the outgassing of interior plastics. Ammonia or vinegar helps cut these deposits.

## Turn on your headlights

Even if you have DRL (daytime running lights), turning on your low beams helps enhance your visibility in the glare of a low-lying sun. Most DRL systems do not turn on your taillights.

## Keep a baseball cap handy

A cap won't be much help if you wear it with the bill at the back. Worn conventionally, a cap — particularly one with a longer than usual

bill — can be helpful in keeping the sun out of your eyes. With a little artful dodging of the head, you can keep visual contact with important segments of your world as you drive into the sun. Because you can move your head as necessary, billed caps work better than the rigid sun visor on the car. You might also seek out tennis hats with bills of dark green see-through plastic.

## Try sun blockers

Check auto-supply shops for sun glare fighters that attach to your visor. I have seen some that feature a sliding panel of dark glass or plastic that in effect extends your visor. Visor extensions can be down or to the sides. (That sun sneaking between the visor and your rearview mirror to send darts into your eyes when-

ever you check your rearview mirror.) I once ordered a mail a number of 4x6-inch green plastic sheets for the visor and they worked fine.

These adhered naturally to the visor (and peeled off as easily for reuse) and dulled the sun's effect on the driver's eyes. I also ordered a pair of sunglasses with side shields. I put the plastic pieces on the visor and moved them as necessary.

## Adjust your speed

The old standby holds true: glare as with rain and ice. In fashion compatible with the sun, And crank up the alerts. With aids you may see better in the wicked low sun is a tough

## AUTO BRIEFS

### GRAND BLANC, Mich

#### Interactive driver's log service available

A new interactive Driver's Log service is available from AC Delco. The log is available to consumers worldwide at [www.acdelco.com](http://www.acdelco.com), and allows visitors to submit information on their driving habits and receive a personalized, detailed maintenance schedule for up to seven vehicles.

"AC Delco's new Driver's Log service will make it easier than ever to maintain service schedules," said Tom Liles, manager of e-commerce marketing for GM Service Parts Operations.

"By servicing vehicles at recommended time frames, owners will find their cars and trucks performing better, with less wear and tear."

The easy-to-use online reminder service takes into account factors such as daily driving habits and the date a service last performed. It also tracks seven routine maintenance procedures: oil changes, tune-ups, filters, tires, brakes, cooling systems, and shocks.

"Users can call up their drive's log to review or edit their maintenance schedules at any time," says Liles. "They can also obtain maintenance history information. For example, they'll know exactly when the coolant was last changed."

### NORCROSS, Ga.

#### Saab sales up 18 percent over 1997 figures

Saab posted worldwide sales of 118,581, in 1998, an 18 percent increase over 1997 sales.

A full year of Saab 9-3 and Saab 9-5 deliveries, strengthened dealer networks in key European markets. Strong increases were posted in all of Saab's major European markets and were the highest percentage growth of any brand in Western Europe.

In the U.S. market, Saab Cars USA, Inc., announced sales of 30,757 cars in 1998, the Swedish automata's highest sales volume since 1989. It was the fifth consecutive year of sales growth in the U.S. with an 8.1 percent gain over 1997.

### LOS ANGELES

#### Thomas retires from Honda Acura

Richard Thomas, a 20-year American Honda Motor Co., Inc. veteran, has retired after serving as general manager of the Acura Division for five years.

Thomas led the Acura division from Feb. 1993 through September 1998. At that time, his duties were added to those of Honda Division General Manager Dick Collier, and Thomas was named an adviser to American Honda President Kotchi Amemiya.

During his time as head of Acura, Thomas oversaw the changing of the product line from names to alphanumeric designations.

### WASHINGTON

#### Subaru, Porsche recall 97,000 airbags, cite unwanted deployments

Two airbag recalls were announced last week with Subaru recalling 95,000 cars and Porsche 2,000. Both recalls were prompted by airbag deploying when they should not.

The Subarus are 1994-95 Imprezas and 1995-96 Legacys. Dealers will remove front tow hooks.

Porsche recalled about 2,000 of its 1996-model 911. Company spokesman Bob Carlson said Porsche has learned that electrical spikes caused 31 inadvertent deployments. It has a remedy: installation of a horn relay with a filter.

-Motor Matters

# Auto doctor solves mystery of the missing gasoline

## Where's the gas?

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1976 Dodge motorhome with a 440 cc four barrel carburetor. When it is parked for a couple of weeks, the gas siphons back into the gas tank from the carburetor. It will not start, unless I pour some gas down the carburetor. I have replaced the fuel pump, and even installed a shut off valve in the gas line. What should I do next? Greg

**Dear Greg:** I do not believe the gas is going back into the gas tank. The gasoline is leaking out of the float bowl through the lower base of the carburetor into the engine, and then evaporating. If you remove the carburetor and put it on a work bench overnight, you will see the gas very slowly leak out of the two small cavities between the two primary throttle plates. You can use a two-part epoxy to fill the cavity.

## Check your injector sensor

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1985 Ford Crown Victoria 302 V8 with throttle body fuel injection. The engine will not start unless I pour a small amount of gas into the throttle body. I haven't found anyone who can solve the problem. Can you help? Harold.

## Tires take a road beating

### Learn to read the rubber

## Owners auto know

By Don Chaikin

Whether you drive an economy or luxury car, a pickup or sport utility, and regardless of its age, there's something your vehicle has in common with every other one on the road. It rides on inflatable rubber tires.

Despite the fact that tires are so universal, and so seemingly simple compared with exotic underhood electronic controls, they are critical to your vehicle's performance and safety.

Each time you're ready to drive for the first time of the day, walk around the vehicle and look at each of the tires. You'll quickly learn to spot a tire that's underinflated.

Before you can judge what an underinflated tire looks like, you've got to learn how a properly inflated one appears. That requires a quality tire-inflation gauge. A good gauge will set you back \$5 to \$20.

Make sure the gauge is calibrated to read the high pressure common for temporary spare tires, usually 60 psi. Then use the gauge at least once a month to check the inflation pressures of all of your vehicle's tires, including its spare.

## Get a cold tire reading.

Check the pressures before driving the car or truck for that day so the tires are "cold." The laws of physics demand that as the temperature of a compressed gas-like the air inside a tire goes up, so does its pressure.

And since driving on tires heats them, all tire pressures are given as "cold," or whatever their temperature is while sitting around. Naturally, normal pressures will go down when the weather is cold, and up when it is hot. So it's critical that you check tire pressures after any temperature swing. Then compare your pressure readings to those specified by the auto maker.

The owner's manual will tell you where to find the decal inside the vehicle that lists the recommended inflation pressures for your vehicle. There may be more than one recommendation to cover "normal" dri-

## Ask the auto doctor

By Junior Damato

**Dear Harold:** The first thing to do is check for trouble codes in the computer. Chances are you will see a code for the TPS sensor. If the TPS is out of range, it will not allow the two injectors to pulse fuel. I have seen this many times over the years. The TPS is located at the base of the throttle body on the right side. You should also check to make sure you have fuel pressure.

## Car wash protocol

**Dear Doctor:** At one time or another, anyone who uses a car wash has had to wait in line for 30 minutes or more. Is it better to keep shutting off and restarting the engine, or just leave it idling? Dave

**Dear Dave:** Great question, but the answer depends on many factors. On hot summer days, I would shut the engine off and wait to restart it when I could actually move up at least two spots. The reason for this is if the outside temperature is 80 plus degrees, and the temperature coming from exhaust from the car

in front of yours is 150 plus degrees, all the hot exhaust will be sucked into the front of your radiator. The extreme heat will not allow the radiator to cool your engine. On days the temperature is 60 degrees or cooler, you could leave the engine idling, however you should shift into park with an automatic, and neutral with a standard transmission, and take your foot off the clutch.

## Noisy tappets

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1991 Toyota pickup 2.4-liter four-cylinder, which I purchased new and currently has 98,000 miles. Recently, I noticed the tappets sound noisy. I took the truck to a local shop. He said the tappets were not a major problem. He said there are plastic guides the timing belt rides against that need to be replaced at a cost of \$550, which also includes the tappet adjustment. I would like to keep the truck for another 100,000 miles. Mark

**Dear Mark:** Your Toyota pickup has a timing chain not a belt. There are guides for the timing chain. Both the chain and guides always have oil spraying all over them. The first thing to do is head for the Toyota dealer for a second opinion. If you

## Is there a power limiter?

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1997 Mercury Cougar 4.6-liter V8. I have been told there is a device to limit power under 3000 rpm. If this is true, how can I disable it, and if not, how can I get better performance? Mike

**Dear Mike:** There is no power limiter under 3000 rpm. There is a rev limiter at the engine red line that all fuel injected engines have. To gain more power from any late model vehicle, I recommend a computer upgrade, high performance air filter, and exhaust replacement.

## Frozen door locks

**Dear Doctor:** I have a problem with door locks that keep getting frozen. I have to get in through the passenger side. What can I do? Joan

**Dear Joan:** There are a couple of products made for lubricating door lock cylinders. Go to your local auto

## Where's the car made?

**Dear Doctor:** I am considering purchase of a 1997 or 1998 Nissan car. I would like to know which are made in the U.S. which have timing belts. Even I ask a dealer, I get different answers. Michael

**Dear Michael:** To find out the car is made, look on the placard located on either the driver's door or rear door. As for timing belt or timing chain, once you find the make and year, go to the service department and ask the manager, salesperson. Both brands have good track record.

## Van stalls a problem

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1993 conversion van 318 V8 that

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# Mitchell on Demand comes through in pinch

## Help, my car alarm is singin' in the rain

Q My car problem has to do with the alarm system. The vehicle in question is a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro. I have owned since new. It's been a pretty good car but lately after I get the car washed the alarm starts to sound. Have you ever heard of this situation? Please help. Darren

A I have never seen or heard of this particular problem. But thank goodness for Mitchell on Demand. It nailed the solution! Some owners may comment that the anti-theft alarm sounds when the vehicle is wet, usually after going through rain or a car wash. The interior lights may

## Q&A

By Todd Hayes

also come on. The condition will normally correct itself when the vehicle is dry. The cause of the problem is the grommet for the wiring harness in the door may not be fully seated. This could allow water to enter the wiring harness and travel to the door ajar switch in the bottom of the "A" pillar. The switch can short out, telling the Body Control Module (BCM) that the door is open.

The door jamb switch was replaced by a mini-wedge design early in production in 1998 to eliminate this condition. To fix, make sure the grommet is fully seated. No addi-

tional sealer is needed if the grommet is installed properly. Check the door jamb switch, wiring, and connector for signs of corrosion, and repair or replace if needed. Hope this works for you.

## Don't repaint that air bag dash cover!

Q I recall an article where you wrote about a problem with interior paint at the passenger air bag dash cover peeling off on a Ford Explorer. This is occurring on my wife's Explorer and I cannot recall how you said to fix it. Can I just repaint it? Tommy T.

A You have a good memory. That was a question I answered a few

years back. It also happened on Explorer I owned. If this problem occurs on either the driver's or passenger side air bag modules MUST NOT be repaired for any reason. Any repair may damage the cover material, could affect air bag performance, deployment and may be the risk of injury during a crash.

Air bag modules with damaged or marred deployment covers should be replaced, not repainted, with your local dealer, as they should be covered under warranty. Good luck!


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CADILLAC ESCALADE is taking the fight for SUV market share to BMW and Mercedes-Benz' doorsteps.

## Cadillac treading on M-Benz territory

to get younger buyers into showrooms, Cadillac is seriously considering developing a line of high-performance vehicles similar to those of BMW's M series and the Mercedes-Benz AMG models.

Currently, according to General Motors' John Smith, the GM division is testing versions of the current Cadillac models in conjunction with the proposed Blackfin. There are no specific models planned, but said and Blackfin is an interesting concept.

"As a global brand, we know we have to do some niche-oriented or derivative vehicles. What we're not sure of is the direction we should go," Smith said. The division is arguing whether to make Blackfin a separate brand name under Cadillac, or whether it should be applied to a vehicle in the line-up, including the DeVille and Escalade sport-utility vehicle.

Should we just rip a page out of

### Road test

By Arnold Wechter

the BMW M program, or rip a page out of Mercedes AMG, or something else? We are having this debate internally," Smith told reporters.

The two German automakers, Mercedes-Benz and BMW, sell high-performance versions of their cars under the AMG and M brands, respectively. The packages usually include tweaked engines, firmer suspensions and more aggressive styling — all for an added price.

Smith is trying to lead Cadillac into the modern world. Presently a majority of its buyers are senior citizens, and the GM division to remain a leader in the luxury market it must attract younger owners.

The division is being hard-pressed not only by the Europeans and Asians, but suddenly Lincoln has be-

come a hot competitor.

At the recent Chicago Auto Show, Cadillac introduced a supercharged Steinmetz Catera, a 284-horsepower concept car built to gauge public reaction to hot rod Cadillacs. It also introduced a production version of the Catera Sport that goes on sale in May. With about \$800 worth of styling, suspension, and trim upgrades.

The Steinmetz concept car gets its name because its engine and body modifications were made by the aftermarket tuner Steinmetz Opel-Tuning, a subsidiary of AC Schnitzer based in Aachen, Germany.

It features an intercooled supercharger with 18-inch Z-rated tires and PPG Orange Fire paint.

Smith called the Steinmetz Catera a concept "out of the Blackfin file."

Earlier at January's International Auto Show in Detroit, the division introduced a new theme dubbed Art and Science with the Cadillac Evoq roadster.

The Evoq, one of the stars of the show, is reportedly a "shadow" product development headed by Dave Hill, the man who directs the Corvette/Camaro vehicle line. It is built off the same platform used by the Corvette sports car — which leads many to believe that the Evoq is headed for the production line.

Time is of the essence for Cadillac. GM can't stall on a decision on Blackfin. It must be made this year if GM wants to ensure Cadillac's next generation of products is designed with the Blackfin concept in mind, according to Smith.

We believe Cadillac will be making a major mistake if it doesn't develop the Blackfin concept. The division is in major trouble. Its sales, despite a last-minute effort which allowed it to overtake Lincoln, are being eroded by the European and Asian luxury cars.

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## SPARE PARTS

### GRAZ, Austria

#### Benz, Cherokee move to same plant

The Mercedes-Benz M class and the Jeep Grand Cherokee will be assembled under the same roof beginning May 3, at the Steyr-Daimler-Puch plant here.

DaimlerChrysler AG says a savings estimated at \$300 million will be made by using a common conveyor system and tooling wherever possible.

Mercedes-Benz' Alabama factory that builds the M class is unable to keep up with demand, so DaimlerChrysler is turning to Steyr for help.

DaimlerChrysler executives emphasize that "brand sanctity" will be maintained.

"We are exploiting what is possi-

ble in the plant without any compromise on the standards and demands we put on the M class," said Dieter Zetsche, a management board member in charge of Mercedes-Benz sales and marketing.

### LONDON

#### BMW's Hasselkus resigns

Rover Chairman Walter Hasselkus has resigned after confessing he had underestimated the "fierceness of competition in the British market."

BMW AG replaced him with Werner Saemann, an engineer by training.

Saemann, 56, was previously head of engine and suspension of the BMW Group in Munich. He is said to be strong in industrial planning and engineering.



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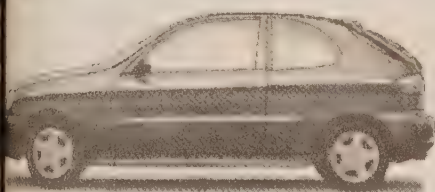
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# Louisville RV show brings luxury, style home to stay

## Novel ways emerge to make the most of limited space

The Louisville recreational vehicle show is the RV industry's largest trade show. A trip through the Louisville show gives a good idea about what consumers will be seeing at their dealers during the upcoming RV model year.

RV industry participants have enjoyed record sales for many years. The 1998 fiscal year tallied a 14-percent increase over the previous period, and somewhat slower but still impressive growth is predicted for the '99 model year.

It's that prospect for growth that inspires the RV industry designers to new and often innovative accomplishments.

Some ongoing trends include the expanding use of slide-out rooms in more RV types, including lower-cost travel and fifth-wheel trailers, Class C motorhomes and even fold-down tent trailers.

Now that manufacturers have worked out how to include movable kitchen plumbing into the slide-out, the possibilities for interior designs are growing by leaps and bounds.

NuWa Industries fielded a display full of fifth-wheel trailers packed with a batch of innovative interiors. The company had models featuring two different computer-desk concepts, one with a large residential-style rear-wall entertainment center, and another with a clever J-shaped "pseudo island" kitchen that was a first-ever for the general design.

At the same time, more shallow

### Rolling homes

By Jeff Johnston

slide-outs are being used to good effect. A typical slide-out moves approximately 36 inches out from the vehicle. The new generation models move about half that, as many builders have discovered that 18 inches is enough to render the extra elbow room desired near a slide-out feature.

Slide-outs with flush floors, which have no extra lip to step (or trip) over inside the rig when moved out, are also becoming more commonplace. This kind of feature is definitely a plus for an RV with high interior foot traffic volume.

Smaller, lighter-weight travel trailers designed to be towed by downsized sport utility vehicles, minivans and mid-size cars continued a strong showing that began several years ago.

These products are showing signs of maturity in design, with more user-friendly features and elements tailored to their special applications.

One reasonable sure sign of RV design success is how many other companies copy a product's new design.

R-Vision Incorporated recently developed a new lightweight hard-side trailer in its Trail-Lite division, called the Bantam, with an innovative feature: Each end of the trailer is fitted with a fold-out bed platform like



FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISE'S 'EZ Office' is a clever space-saver offered in Flair and Storm Class A motorhomes.

those of a tent trailer.

This gives the trailer compact towability and hardwall security when on the road, and the room, when set up, to sleep a large family or several guests in comfort.

This year's Louisville show included no less than six more models that are direct knock-offs of the Bantam design, on which R-Vision has a patent pending.

Other lightweights are being fitted with upscale features to appeal to those with fatter wallets and the desire for upgraded components.

This runs counter to the usual lightweight equals low cost trend, and is a good sign of growth and diversification.

On the motorhome side, the new heavier-duty Class C "cutaway" chassis from Ford and Chevrolet have

opened up greater equipment possibilities for designers. Slide-out rooms and new floorplans are abundant in motorhomes.

One of the most interesting interior features comes from Fleetwood Enterprises, and is offered in its Flair and Storm Class A motorhomes.

It's called the "EZ Office" and it's a takeoff on the old Murphy bed concept. In brief, the unit looks like a typical

walkaround island-style bed out back when set up. The bed then folds up against the wall to reveal a handy desk with built-in cabinets, drawers and the like. It's a clever use of available space.

Given the "me too" nature of the RV industry, we can expect similar features in more models and towables in the near future.

## Pals restore '41 Buick Roadmaster, head south

### Classic classics

By Vern Parker

Buick had a dynamite year in 1941, building 374,000 cars. Of that number only 326 were four-door Roadmaster convertible phaeton models. Each one weighed 4,469-pounds, rode on a 128-inch wheelbase and carried a \$1,775 base sticker price.

In the summer of 1957, a group of free spirits, in one of the Buicks that survived World War II, coasted into a Cadillac garage in San Luis Obispo where Russ Aves worked while a student at nearby Cal Poly.

Aves recalls that as these free spirits bailed out of the car, a gallon jug

of mountain wine also rolled out and broke on the pavement.

The driver explained the car had lost power coming down the steep Quista grade. Aves remembers him saying, "I looked in the mirror and saw a rod laying on the road with half a piston on it."

All they wanted was a ride home to Oceano, just south of Pismo Beach — about 40 miles away. For the ride,

they said they would surrender the pink slip registration to the disabled car. Aves already had fallen for the attractive Buick, and agreed to arrange for a friend to drive them home.

Aves managed to get the Dynaflex 320-cubic-inch, straight-eight cylinder engine running with just seven cylinders working and a hole in the side. It had domed high compression pistons.

Aves paid \$38 for a low-mileage 322-cubic-inch straight-eight engine from a wrecked 1952 Buick Roadmaster owned by the proverbial little old lady. She had been T-boned

in an accident with an ambulance but, thankfully, both she and the engine were fine.

"With hydraulic lifters," Aves says, "this is the choicest engine Buick ever made."

With the elegant Buick finally made roadworthy, the collegiate buddies headed to Tijuana. Wouldn't you?

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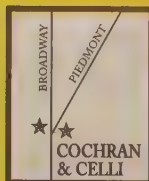
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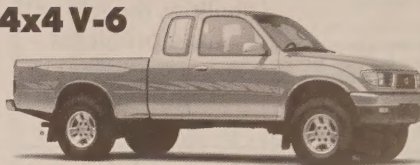
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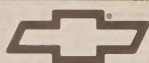
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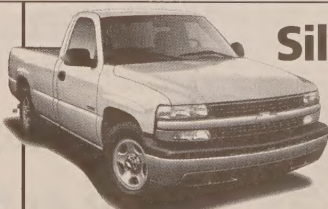
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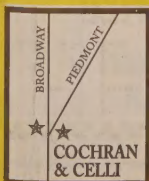
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## Mazda

FROM PAGE D1

Miata 10th anniversary edition has brought a new coat of sapphire blue mica paint with a blue convertible tonneau cover, a departure from the usual black and tan.

A detachable hard top to match the body color is also available.

Some of the additions which make this vehicle stand out in a crowd are 15-inch polished aluminum alloy wheels, fog-lights, and rear

mud guards.

Everything, including the aerodynamic side sills, is flush-mounted to enhance the sporty appearance.

Blue and black seats, black trim on the side bolsters and headrests are part of the package. The wood Nardi steering wheel and shift knob with matching blue and black leather provide another touch of class.

The instrument panel has not been neglected. Chrome rings accent the speedometer and tachometer. The gauges are easy to read with red needles and white numerals.

A 140-horsepower, 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine, rack and pinion

steering with variable assist, plus Torsen limited slip differential and Bilstein shock absorbers complete the package. Obviously Mazda has left no stone unturned.

On a drive covering some 250 miles through hills and freeway, most of the thrills came from doing a slalom on two-way mountain roads.

Shifting gears became the main priority and the six-speed transmission was no slouch. I had some difficulty in the beginning changing down from sixth to fifth gear, but with a little patience and kindness to the gearbox this mental problem was mastered.

Other assets were the power windows providing a cross draft at the touch of a button. The patented Windblocker panel at the back gives some wind protection and cuts down on the noise level.

The optional air conditioning was handy in Palm Springs during the midday sun, and the heater came in handy when the midday sun went down.

The Bose sound system was not put to the test as when you are driving with the top down on the freeway the cacophony of diesel trucks and various other flotsam and jetsam cannot compete.

Mazda anticipates 3,000 units will

be sold before they reach the dealers showroom. This 10th anniversary edition they hope will be the most popular of all the Miatas.

Destined for an overseas market which includes North America, Japan, Europe and Australia, this is the first time there has been a world wide limited-edition Miata offering.

Volume is capped 7,500 units with just 3,000 going to the U.S. market.

Mazda hopes that this model will be one of the most sought-after with exclusive offerings of badges on the driver's side fender, and an owner's certificate with the VIN.

A sequence number signed by

James E. Miller, president of Motor Corporation, and a key fob to match the color of the car's interior.

How can you lose when you have a following of members in the United States? The popularity of the sports car has waned since it was introduced.

Mazda continues to keep the tradition alive without compromising safety. This Limited Edition begs to be driven. You are tempted to do just that, but you be able to take your eyes off the shapely body.

## Taxes

FROM PAGE D1

method. To use this method, add together your expenses for gas, oil, repairs, insurance, auto club membership, car license, and loan interest or lease payments. Then multiply the total expenses by the percentage you use the car for business.

Add depreciation on the car to this figure (unless you lease the car), along with your business parking and tolls. The end result is your total business car expense.

### Mileage rate method

The second method of deducting car expenses, the mileage rate method, is calculated by multiplying the number of business miles you drove during the year by 32.5¢ a mile (31¢ a mile beginning April 1).

The only expenses that can be added to the 32.5¢ a mile is the business percentage of car loan interest and car registration, and business parking and tolls. All other expense are considered to be covered by the 32.5¢-a-mile deduction.

The recordkeeping for car use may seem tedious but, since this is often a sizable expense for your business, the resulting tax deduction will make your efforts worthwhile.

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## Rubber

FROM PAGE D2

"As the tire wears and the grooves become more shallow, the tire will have problems gaining traction in the rain."

ing, versus heavy load or sustained high-speed driving.

**Check inflation pressure, but be aware of air temperature**

You have to first remove the protective cap from the tire valve. Some cars may have valve extender caps to give access to the valve through a thick wheel cover — these are recognizable by their length and their white center — which need not be removed. Hold the gauge head firmly and squarely on the top of the valve. You shouldn't hear any air hissing out as you check.

If the tire is overinflated, bleed some pressure by pressing down on the pin in the middle of the tire valve;

recheck the pressure. If it's under-inflated, you'll have to add air. If you don't have an air compressor, drive to a nearby service station.

Driving far to get the air will heat the tires. You'll have to recheck their pressure at the station to see how much inflation they gained from the drive and add enough air for them to be properly inflated after they've cooled down again.

The inflation pressure recommended by the car maker is one that's a compromise for good handling, comfortable ride and good fuel economy. Some people like to carry a bit more pressure for better fuel economy at the price of ride comfort.

Don't carry less pressure than the

manufacturer recommends or you may damage the tires. And never carry more inflation pressure than the tire maker says is safe for the tire. The tire maker's recommendations for maximum inflation pressures are embossed on the tire itself. Both over- and underinflation can cause premature tire wear.

**Look for damage and wear on the sides as well as tread**

Inspect both the tread — the part that actually contacts the road — and the inner and outer sidewalls. Look for bulges and cracks in the sidewalls. If you find any, have the tire replaced.

Check the tread for damage, such

as missing pieces between the nails, glass and other possible road hazards.

Also check to see how the tread is left on the tire by measuring the depth of the grooves.

As the tire wears and the grooves become more shallow, the tire will have problems gaining traction in the rain.

You can get an accurate reading of the tire's remaining wear by simply inserting a penny into the head first, into the groove of the tire. If you can see the top of Abe's head over the top of the tread, it's time to replace the tire.

Even if there's plenty of tread left in the tread, but it's uneven, there may be a problem with your vehicle.

## Autodoc

FROM PAGE D2

ling problem (until the engine warms up) when it is damp out. I have rebuilt the engine, installed a Holley Pro-Jection unit, and upgraded the ignition. What do you think? Bob

Dear Bob: Damp conditions can play havoc during warm up. One of the most common problems I come across is the air filter preheat tube that has been discarded, especially when an open element high performance air filter is installed. Lean fuel condition and ignition breakdown can also contribute to the problem.

## Fight

FROM PAGE D3

There is also some doubt that Cadillac really outsold Lincoln in 1998. The sales figures say yes, but the registration figures say no.

The sales figures for BMW's M and Mercedes-Benz AMG models are small, but they provide the two companies with a halo effect. And it pays off at the box office.

The only used luxury car from Cadillac that competes with the top German and Japanese models is the Seville — and it suffers from the fact that it is a front-wheel drive vehicle.

The lone European luxury car featuring front-wheel drive is Audi — and a majority of its cars are sold with its all-wheel drive system.

If Cadillac truly wants to compete worldwide it must return to a rear-wheel drive or all-wheel drive offering.

The Seville is a fine automobile. Its powertrain is world-class, but it doesn't measure up to the Europeans when it comes to handling — and that is what a majority of younger buyers demand in a car.

It will be interesting to see if the General Motors' board of directors realizes what is happening to their premier car division. They have little choice if they plan to compete in the future.

### Brake lights stay on

Dear Doctor: We own a 1993 Ford F-150 two-wheel drive pickup with a rear anti-lock brake light that stays on. It needed brakes, so I had them replaced hoping that would take care of the ABS light. Well, it did not. The shop checked for trouble codes and there was none. I do not think the

ABS is working. What can the shop do next? Daniel

Dear Daniel: Brakes need to be in 100 percent perfect condition. The shop working on your truck needs to understand the ABS system. The ABS light can be on from something as minor as the brake fluid level indicator in the master cylinder reser-

voir. I have seen this many times on late model Ford products.

It's always interesting around isn't it? Please send your questions, stumps and neighborhood wishes to: The Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

## New road rules spell out state's stance

### 1999 takes dim view of crime

The California Highway Patrol has provided a list of new state laws now in effect that will affect motorists on California roadways, particularly drivers who choose to flee arrest and initiate a pursuit.

#### Fleeing a police officer

Assembly Bill 2066, authored by Assemblyman Michael Sweeney, D-

Hayward, increases the penalty for fleeing a police officer, instituting a jail sentence of at least six months for simple offenders and more than a year for reckless offenders.

#### Deadly pursuits

AB 1382, authored by Assemblyman Keith Olberg, R-Victorville, increases the prison term to three, four or five years for those who engage in pursuits that cause serious injury or death.

#### Open containers

Senate Bill 1890, authored by State Sen. Jack O'Connell, D-Barbara, prohibits open alcohol containers in all off-road vehicles operated on specified public lands as campgrounds.

#### License fee reduced

AB 2797, authored by Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, D-Fresno, provides for a 25-percent reduction in the vehicle license fee and future reductions if allowed by state General Fund.

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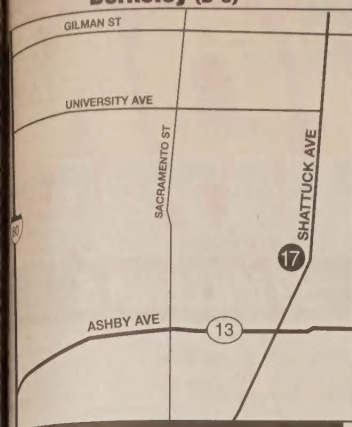
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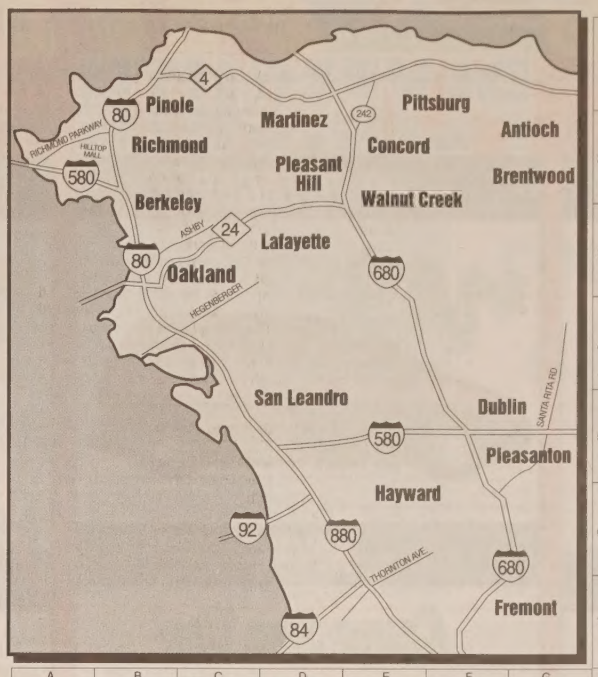
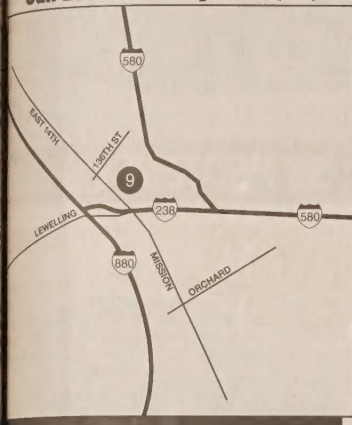
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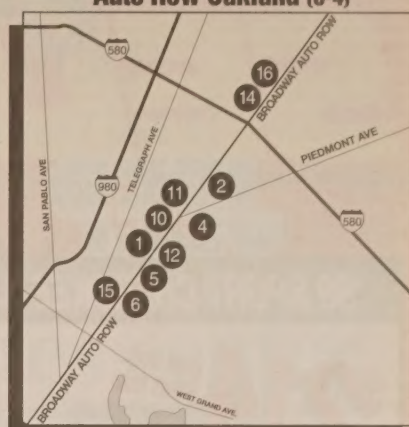
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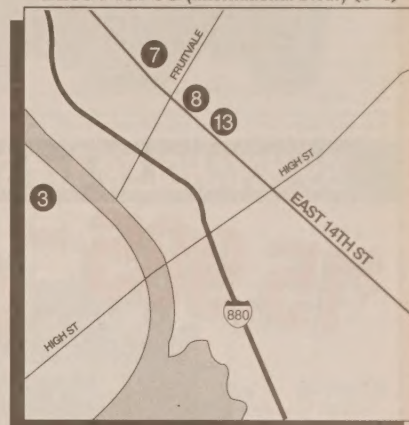
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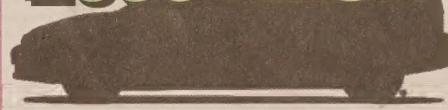
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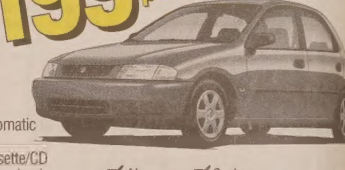
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